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SERIOUS ATTACK OPENS
ON BESIEGED BARDIAFRENCH
WARSHIPS
SUNK

The French Admiralty announced in Vichy yesterday that the submarine Sfax and the auxiliary Rhone were sunk after heavy explosions while on their way from Casablanca to Dakar.

The Admiralty further states the Sfax and Rhone were "probably torpedoed" by a submarine whose nationality is not yet known.

Total death-roll was 74. No British submarines were operating within 500 miles of the sinking of the French vessels on the day concerned, it was learned on enquiry at the Admiralty in London yesterday.—Reuter.

QUEEN ELIZABETH
CROSSES ATLANTIC

It was authoritatively stated in London yesterday that the Cunard-White Star liner "Queen Elizabeth" has successfully recrossed the Atlantic from New York to Capetown, en route to

ROOSEVELT
SPEEDS UP
FORTIFICATIONS

President Roosevelt has suspended the eight-hour working day for labourers and mechanics employed by the Government in construction of army and air bases on the Atlantic coast and on Caribbean sites leased from Britain.

An executive order states the suspension is rendered necessary by the "extraordinary emergency."

President Roosevelt, at his press conference yesterday, declared the order was issued to conform with the situation in British colonies involved.—Reuter.

an undisclosed destination, without sighting enemy craft of any kind.—Reuter.

Anzac Forces
Supported
By Tanks

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

IT IS VERY GOOD NEWS THAT A SERIOUS ATTACK ON BARDIA HAS STARTED AND THAT THE AUSTRALIAN TROOPS, SUPPORTED BY TANKS, HAVE BROKEN INTO THE DEFENCES. THE EXTENT OF THE ATTACK IS NOT YET CLEAR FROM REPORTS THAT HAVE REACHED LONDON BUT I CANNOT BELIEVE ANYTHING LESS THAN DECISIVE RESULTS ARE BEING SOUGHT.

Bardia may be expected to fall very shortly. Its fall will clear the road for a further advance while possession of its harbour will immensely facilitate the question of supply. Even now, despite the very poor port facilities of Sollum, where everything has to be landed from boats or lighters, the British have been making considerable use of a series of lines of supply.

It may be that the advance on Tobruk will be continued without a moment's delay. Information points to the fact that there are no Italian forces lying nearer than Tobruk. Their position there has apparently been closely reconnoitred by some British advance forces already.

In all these operations, as indeed in all operations for the conduct of whole war, the air-service is going to play the really decisive part.

Command Of The Air

The navy and army are playing great parts and may be called upon to play still greater parts but nothing can be done on land or sea of any scope or of a decisive character without command of the air.

We have already taken that command in Libya, and Albania and on the sea at Taranto and Valona. That we have established this most important superiority in the Middle East is not due to our numbers only but also to the superior skill and resolution of our pilots and more efficient machines.

The reported arrival of German and Italian squadrons from Belgium may mean that the Axis powers recognise their growing weakness in the air and that some serious effort must be made to rectify it in the Mediterranean theatre.

Italian Morale

Or it may mean little more than a half-hearted attempt by Hitler to bolster up the falling Italian morale.

It seems unlikely that Germany can spare any large air reinforcements for Italy. The very severe punishment meted out by the Bri-

BULGARIA
NEXT ON
THE LIST?

The present visit of the Bulgarian Prime Minister, M. Filoff, to Vienna is charged with significance for the Balkans, declared the Berlin correspondent of the Belgrade newspaper "Vreme" yesterday.

The correspondent is credited with exceptionally close contacts with the Nazis.

Leading German political personalities are now in Vienna, it is reported in Berlin, says the correspondent.

It can therefore be expected that by the week-end Bulgarian relations with the Axis will be "clarified," he adds.—Reuter.

"THETIS"
UNDER A
NEW NAME

H.M. SUBMARINE THUNDERBOLT, WHICH SANK AN ESCORTED ITALIAN SUBMARINE, IS ACTUALLY THE THETIS, WHICH WAS RAISED FROM LIVERPOOL BAY IN 1939 AFTER SHE HAD SUNK FOLLOWING HER TRIALS.

She is commanded by Lieutenant C. B. Crouch, R. N. — Reuter.

WOUNDED R.A.F.
PILOT'S SAGA

CARRIED ON A STRETCHER for four days over the Albanian mountains by Greek soldiers and with a broken leg and a bullet wound in the elbow, the R.A.F. pilot of a British bomber which was last seen in flames over the Italian lines of southern Albania 12 days ago, has just arrived at his base.

The entire crew had been given up as lost. The air gunner was killed but the observer arrived back with the pilot.

When the pilot jumped from the machine he had already had a bullet through his elbow but as he fell, part of the parachute harness caught round his leg and as the parachute opened his leg was broken.

Gunned By Italian

"Even as I was sailing down an Italian fighter came after me and put 20 bullets through the parachute," he said. The pilot landed heavily as a

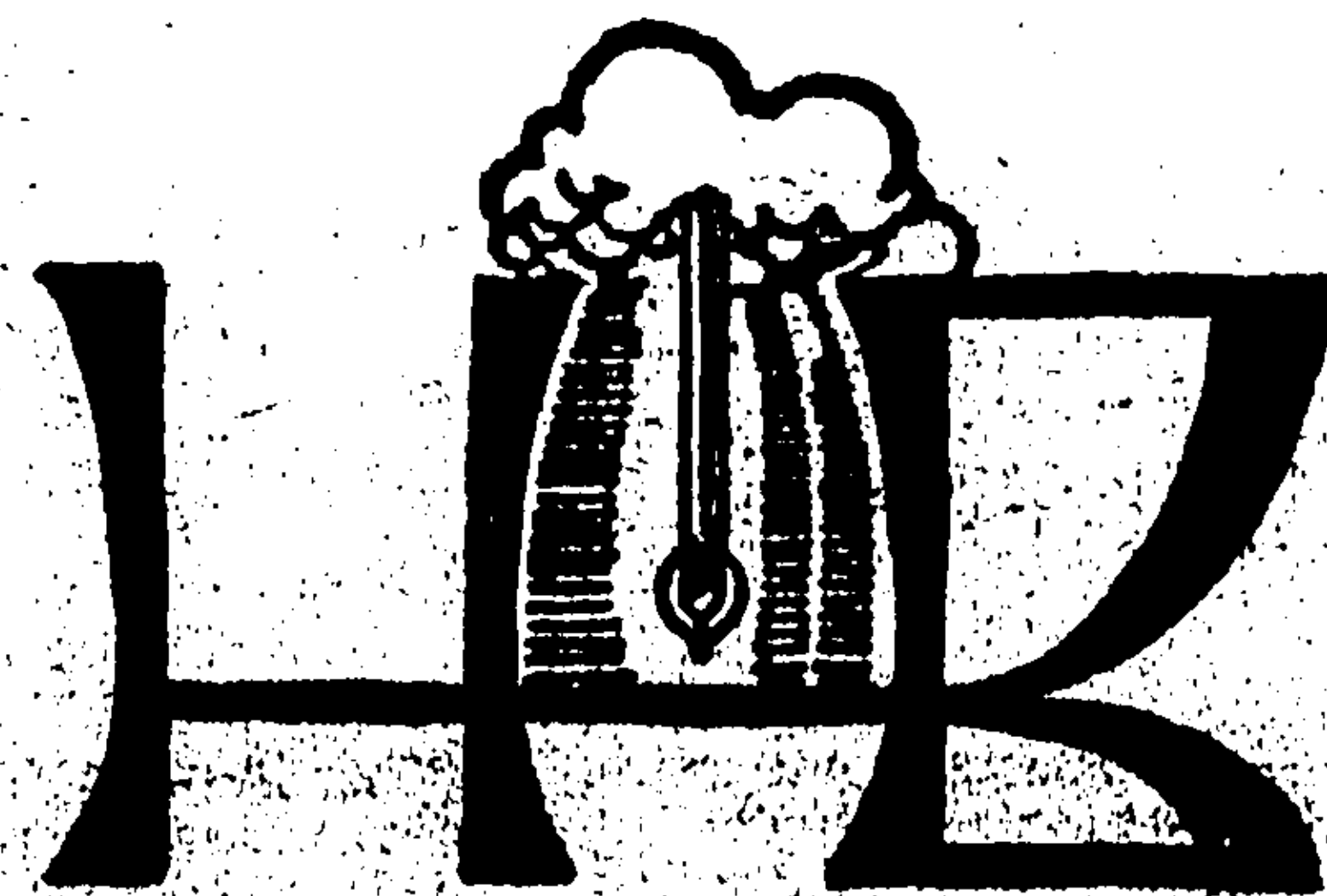
result of the punctured parachute. After lying on the ground for half an hour he was found by a Greek soldier, having landed just inside the Greek lines.

"They bandaged me as best they could, found a stretcher and for four days they carried me cheerfully over the mountains, often through deep snow and along narrow mountain tracks with precipitous edges."

"At last we reached Koritza and then on to Ulorina where my leg and arm were put into splints."

The observer landed near the pilot but was uninjured except for burns in the hands.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Bardia Defended by Rings Of Pillboxes And Tank Traps

Tough Job In Front Of Anzac Forces

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent Outside Bardia)

THE OUTER DEFENCES of Bardia (reported yesterday to have been breached by Anzac forces) are very extensive, stretching from Waddi Rahib, a coastal point about five miles north of Bardia, in a semi-circle reaching about four miles inland and meeting the coast again at Waddi Maatred, some four miles south of Bardia.

This outer ring, comprising about 40 posts, is supplemented by further lines within the perimeter. Each defended post is manned by 30 to 40 soldiers and is linked to the next post by barbed wire entanglements.

In addition a tank trap trench 16 feet wide and about 10 feet deep runs round the greater portion of the defences.

British mechanised units and British naval units were shelled by Italian artillery in the Cyrenaica frontier zone, says yesterday's Italian High Command communique.

Repeated bombing of advance enemy bases and enemy ships near the coast was also mentioned, while it was claimed that a British cruiser was hit.

Bardia Claims

The communique adds that other Italian aircraft bombed and machine-gunned British mechanised forces on the Bardia front and in the desert and states all Italian aircraft returned.

On the Greek front local attacks in several sectors were repulsed and the communique says that "a bold raid by Italian troops" put the enemy to flight and captured prisoners.

Elbasan is stated to have been bombed by enemy aircraft.

There was nothing to report from East Africa. — Reuter.

WAGE CUTS ANNOY A.R.P.

The reduction of wages, after a limited number of weeks, of A.R.P. men wounded while on duty was the subject of question in the House of Commons.

Mr. Morrison, Home Secretary, said the matter was engaging his active consideration, and was not one on which he would be unsympathetic.

In Front Line

Mr. J. H. Hollins (Silvertown) asked Mr. Morrison:

"Do you not realise that these men are now in the front line, and that the only difference is that they are engaged in saving life instead of taking it? Their dependents should not be penalised for that reason.

Mr. Morrison: I fully realise that.

Sir Malcolm Robertson said there were wives of such men left with 25s. a week, out of which they paid 16s. rent and 4s. 10d. insurance, leaving them 4s. 2d. on which to live. It was causing extreme dissatisfaction among A.R.P. workers. — Reuter.

Major Attack on Bardia?

Australian troops at dawn yesterday penetrated one sector of the Bardia defences, says a Cairo communique. This may only have been a raid, but it rather looks as if it is the first major attack.

The success of these first operations will, of course, determine whether or not the major attack develops on a full scale at once.

The Australians were assisted by tanks, and Cairo reports that the operations are continuing.

Bardia, of course, is not just a port; it is a supply base and was the headquarters for the Italian Army when it was in Egypt.

It is reported that some 20,000 Italians are still in the city.

The defences extend for a depth of five or six miles, and consist largely of ring on ring of pillboxes and anti-tank ditches and tank-traps. — Reuter.

ITALIANS STABBED IN THE BACK

Latest reports from Albania yesterday evening indicated that the Italians are still being pushed back and are being harried more and more by Albanian irregulars in their rear.

Reports reaching London state that bands of Albanians are coming down from the mountains, cutting road communications, picking off despatch riders and raiding gendarmerie posts.

There have even been raids on Tirana, capital of Albania.

In Belgrade it is freely reported that advancing Greek troops have found Italians who were stabbed in the back with all the marks of vendetta warfare.

In the southern sector, the Greeks have advanced a further three miles, and if this advance continues much longer they will soon threaten to cut the road from Tepelini to Valona. — Reuter.



Damage caused to the historic library in the Inner Temple following a Nazi night raid. (Copyright, Fox).

TREATMENT OF THE 'CONCHIES'

War minister Mr. Eden has ordered a court of inquiry to investigate allegations of ill-treatment of certain conscientious objectors, it was announced in Parliament.

Major F. E. Pritchard, K.C., will be a member of the Court, said Sir Edward Grigg Parliamentary Secretary to the War Office.

Sir Edward was replying to Mr. McGovern (I.L.P., Shetleston), who had asked if he was aware that certain conscientious objectors had been kicked, beaten with rifle butts, and placed on bread and water in solitary confinement.

Objectors named by Mr. McGovern were Chadwick (Liverpool), Norman William (Sheffield), John Radford (London), Albert Foster (Newcastle), L. London (Colchester), Gregory (Sheffield) and Gibbs (Cardiff). He said there were "many others."

"Dragged From Cells"

Other allegations made were that the objectors were dragged from their cells, marched round a square, and prodded on with rifles, and that the colonel in charge refused to intervene and insulted the men when they asked for a court-martial.

Asked if the House could take it that the allegations were not necessarily accepted as true, Sir Edward replied: "The facts are sub judice and I say nothing about them."

Mr. McGovern also alleged that the colonel in charge would not allow Albert Foster to attend his mother's funeral unless he wore soldiers' clothes and agreed to serve, and that certain of the men had been compelled to serve through terror.

Sir Edward said that cases of imprisonment for three or more months for offences against military discipline on grounds of conscience numbered thirty-two and the number undergoing solitary confinement was three.

CHANGES IN VICHY CABINET EXPECTED

Information published concerning the reorganisation of the Cabinet is premature, the Havas agency asserted in Vichy yesterday.

The agency added it is possible that certain Cabinet changes will be effected shortly but no decision has yet been taken. — Reuter.

U.S. TO BUILD 200 MERCHANT STEAMERS

President Roosevelt announced in Washington yesterday that steps are being taken to begin the building of about 200 merchantmen of about 7,000 tons each, costing \$300,000,000 to \$350,000,000.

Despite the President's non-committal attitude it is felt in Washington that the new programme is for the direct benefit of Britain and the indirect benefit of America.

The fast building of 1,500,000 tons of shipping will help materially to provide a reservoir of tonnage to cover the next year.

The President expressed "distaste for mass-produced ships" but stressed the need for speed under present circumstances. — Reuter.

Congress Leader Arrested

The President of the Congress Party of India has been arrested under the Defence of India Regulations.

The reason for his arrest, and for that of several other Congress leaders, was explained by the Amery, Secretary for India, in the House of Commons yesterday. Mr. Amery said that the Congress Party's anti-war campaign did not consist merely of preaching the virtues of pacifism.

The Viceroy of India was willing to concede the same rights to Congress leaders as were accorded to conscientious objectors in Britain.

But — apart from Mr. Gandhi — that is not the attitude adopted by the Congress leaders.

They are demanding the right to speak against recruiting, against working in munitions factories and against voluntary contributions to the Empire War effort.

No Government could entertain that in time of war, Mr. Amery said. — Reuter.

BOYS TRY TO INVENT EXPLOSIVE

— IT EXPLODED

Two boys, experimenting with chemicals in an attempt to discover a new explosive, were injured when the charge went off shaking houses a quarter of a mile away.

They were Douglas James, fifteen, and John Williams, fourteen, of Felpham, near Bognor Regis, Sussex.

Douglas's hands were injured and his hair was singed. John was cut over the left eye.

Douglas was taken to hospital. He said: "We were experimenting with a phosphorus powder and potassium chloride. We mixed them and put them into the brass ends of cartridges."

"As I was putting them into a tin lid the whole charge exploded with a terrific bang."

"I was blown off my feet, and pieces of the cartridge cases smashed into my hand."

"There was a terrific amount of smoke, and I could not see John. He was blown out of the garage in which we were doing our experiments."

"The doctor who took me to hospital said he thought a bomb had been dropped."

John said that immediately he recovered from the effects, he told Douglas's father. Douglas, he said, came out of the garage leaving a trail of blood.

Douglas admitted that he had obtained the chemicals from his father's chemist shop.

PAPUA RIVAL TO MALAYA

The rubber industry is growing in Papua, where the cost of production is lower than in Malaya, it was stated in London yesterday.

Planting is steadily increasing and one-twelfth of Australia's rubber needs are now supplied by Papua.

This is offering some compensation for the war's adverse effect on copra, which is a major Papua product. — Reuter.

EIRE PROTESTS TO GERMANY

Strong Note In Berlin Follows Deliberate Bombing

Claim For Reparation

EXAMINATION HAS PROVED THAT THE BOMBS DROPPED IN EIRE WERE OF GERMAN ORIGIN AND THE EIRE GOVERNMENT HAS LODGED A STRONG PROTEST AT BERLIN.

Announcing this, the Eire Department of External Affairs yesterday said: "Fragments of explosive and incendiary bombs dropped at the Curragh, Julianstown, Muleek and Borris have been examined and were found to be of German origin."

"The Charge d'Affaires in Berlin has been instructed to make an energetic protest to the German Government against the violation of Irish territory by German aircraft and the loss of life and destruction of property which resulted from bomb explosions and fire."

"He was further instructed to claim full reparation and insist that effective steps be taken to avoid a recurrence of such happenings."

"Investigation into the origin of bombs dropped at other places is proceeding."

BOMBING WAS DELIBERATE

There is no question but that the dropping of German bombs on Eire was deliberate, London circles said yesterday evening, pointing out that only a partial black-out is maintained in that country.

These circles recalled that the Germans have bombed Eire three times before. In August last, three people were killed and the Germans admitted their liability.

There were three attacks within 24 hours in this latest display of "Nazi culture."

Bombs dropped early on Thursday morning killed three people. More bombs were dropped at 2 p.m. and at about 4 a.m. yesterday a bomb was dropped in Dublin, destroying two houses and damaging several others.

These bombs injured some 20 people, but fortunately not seriously. Those trapped in wreckage were speedily rescued. — Reuter.

quiete and customs, first-aid and hygiene, and anti-gas precautions. In addition, there is "P.T." and drill, given by Sergeant Instructors of the Royal Air Force. Each day two students undertake the duties of orderly officers, while another two are appointed President and Vice-President of the Mess. In this way they learn something of Service procedure. Once a week there is a guest night.

On completion of the course the officers are posted from the school to R.A.F. units throughout the country. In addition to their code and cypher duties they are then responsible, in conjunction with the Administrative W.A.A.F. officers, for the welfare and recreation of the many airwomen who form part of the establishment of all R.A.F. stations.

The W.A.A.F. officer in charge of the School explained that since the outbreak of war all the student officers had previously served in the ranks as aircraftwomen or sub-officers.

"They are a fine type," she said. "All of them are keen and very responsive to the aims of the course. I am confident that this innovation will lead to a higher standard of W.A.A.F. officers generally."

The Director of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, Air Commandant Trefusis Forbes, takes a personal interest in the new school. She visits it once a week to give a lecture, and to meet the new officer students taking the course.

STIRRING FILM OF R.A.F.

An excellent picture of the debt Britain and the Allied cause owe to the gallant young men of the Royal Air Force is provided by the "March of Time" short "The British R.A.F.," which will be shown at the King's Theatre from Tuesday next and which was specially pre-viewed by the Press yesterday.

The film shows in graphic fashion both how our fighters deal with enemy bombers and how our bombers, in all sorts of weather, carry out their raids on enemy-occupied territory.

There are some stirring "shots" of dog-fights and the shooting down of barrage balloons, while "Time," which is of course an American magazine, has also had access to German films showing the Luftwaffe in action, so that a clear, composite picture is provided.

Perhaps the sole criticism is that the action shots—actual aerial combats, for instance—are few and far between, and certain newsreels shown recently have contained a large number of scenes which could have been incorporated effectively.

But at the same time, it is a documentary film, not just a thriller, so that it might be argued with some weight that the insertion of more super-action shots might have spoiled the rest of the film. It's rather like a Royal Navy communique—impressive in its conciseness and lack of bombast.

W.A.A.F. GO BACK TO SCHOOL

A new school for code and cypher officers of the W.A.A.F., which has just been opened in a big country house in one of the royal counties of England, is the first of its kind in the Service. It is administered by the Technical Training Command of the R.A.F.

The part played by the Women's Auxiliary Air Force in providing officers for code and cypher duties at Royal Air Force stations is increasing in importance every week.

The W.A.A.F. Officers School, as it is called, trains newly appointed officers in R.A.F. organisation, and in the general duties for which a W.A.A.F. officer is responsible.

The course is short, and run on the lines of a Royal Air Force Staff College course. The officer students are given lectures on a variety of subjects, including discipline and morale, Service, oil-



THE MODERN COUNTRYSIDE—Guns passing little cottages "somewhere in the North" during gun towing practice when British and Dominion troops were undergoing anti-invasion tactics. (Copyright, Fox).

CONGRESS GOING INTO RECESS

The 76th Congress of the United States came to a partial close when the House of Representatives adjourned yesterday.

The Senate will adjourn to-day after a record session of 367 days. Largest session previously known was the wartime session of 1917/18 which lasted 354 days.—Reuter.

CZECHS WITH R.A.F. IN EAST

After months of adventurous travelling, during which they have covered thousands of miles in enemy and neutral countries, a party of officers and other ranks of the Czecho-Slovakian Air Force have joined up with the Royal Air Force.

They are now in a desert camp in the Middle East Command, looking forward to getting into action.

Whether they face the Germans or the Italians does not concern them. Neither do they care.

Denied the chance of fighting the Nazis in direct defence of their own country, these Czechoslovakians are extremely pleased at being accepted into the R.A.F. after overcoming the difficulties and setbacks which would have broken the spirits of most men.

When Germany invaded Poland, or just before, Czechoslovakian airmen, many of them fully trained, slipped into Poland, in two's and three's, and volunteered for service with the Poles. Some of them had a few hours flying, but before most of them could become effective Poland had been crushed.

Most of the Officers and men are trained pilots or observers. A doc-

F.D.R. TO SEND CLOSEST FRIEND TO LONDON POST

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT disclosed in Washington yesterday that he is shortly sending Mr. Harry Hopkins, former Secretary of Commerce, to Britain as his personal representative until a new Ambassador is appointed to succeed Mr. Joseph Kennedy.

President Roosevelt added that Mr. Hopkins would have no official status and no duties outside Britain, his duties being to maintain personal contacts with the British Government.

The President said he expected to send the nomination for a new Ambassador to the Senate next week.

The announcement came as a complete surprise in Washington and aroused much speculation.

Close Friend

There is probably no man in America so close to the President as Mr. Hopkins, who therefore is in an excellent position to inform Mr. Churchill very precisely where the President stands.

In other words, there is no man more able to bring the President and the Prime Minister closer together across 3,000 miles of Atlantic.

The President's announcement that he expected to send the name of the new Ambassador to Britain to the Senate next week has re-awakened speculation, but so far no new names have been suggested.—Reuter.

WAR LOAN FIRM ON STOCK MARKET

Gilt-edged securities were again prominent on the London Stock Exchange yesterday. Three and a half per cent. War Loan advanced to 103-3/8. Chinese Customs Loans were higher on better receipts while Argentine bonds showed signs of hardening. Among Industrials British-American Tobacco weakened on a slight reduction in yearly distribution and profits but later partially recovered. Otherwise the markets were quiet with price movements unimportant. Wall Street was quiet.—Reuter.

tor in the party is accompanied by his wife and pretty, four-year-old daughter. Mother and child have shared the doctor's adventures of the past few months.

BENEFIT FOR CHINA HOSPITALS

Under the Distinguished Patronage of His Excellency the Acting Governor, and jointly sponsored by the China Defence League and the Kunning Hospital Appeal Committee, a Benefit Performance of "Diversions" will be presented in the King's Theatre on Wednesday, January 22, at 8.30 p.m. Proceeds will be in aid of the Kunning Mission Hospital, badly bombed last year in Japanese raids over Yunnan, and the International Peace Hospitals supported by the China Defence League in the guerrilla war zones. A programme of unusually high quality has been arranged for this performance, which will be attended by many of the leading figures of the Colony.

Two outstanding Chinese artists who are contributing to "Diversions" are Mr. Y. K. Sze, bass, whose singing has attracted so much attention in Hong Kong lately; and Miss Ai-lien Tai, modern dancer, whose only previous appearance was at the China Defence League Recital last year. The Chinese Choral Society conducted by Mr. Fung Hin Tsung, has assembled a chorus of over fifty voices which will be heard in various numbers, and in solo and chorus items with Mr. Sze. Accompaniment for Miss Tai's dances, and the musical direction of the programme, will be in the hands of Mr. J. R. M. Smith, Mus. B.

Tickets for "Diversions" at a wide range of prices, will be on sale next week at the King's Theatre, Tsang Fook's, Anderson's and Moutrie's music stores.

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BOMBS STRADDLE 5 ITALIAN CRUISERS AT TRIPOLI

TWO HEAVY RAIDS on shipping in Tripoli harbour were carried out by the R.A.F. during Wednesday night, said a communique issued at R.A.F. Headquarters in Cairo yesterday.

During the first attack bombs straddled the south-east mole and five cruisers moored there, other bombs hitting the custom jetty and a ship and starting several fires near sea-plane hangings.

Explosions and fresh fires followed and the seaplane hangar started burning.

During the second raid direct hits were registered on the customs jetty causing fires and three explosions, probably on ships moored alongside.

Two large motor vessels were hit, clouds of heavy smoke resulting. The fires were visible for over 80 miles.

Bardia Raided

Bardia was again subjected to a series of raids the same night, large fires being started among stores and buildings.

Two further raids were made on Thursday, mainly on a motor transport concentration and an ammunition depot of the town, causing considerable damage, the extent of which was confirmed by photographs.

Numerous reconnaissance flights were carried out in Italian East Africa but there is nothing outstanding to report.

From all these operations all British aircraft returned safely to base. — Reuter.

CARRIED HOT BOMBS IN FIRE

When a wagon of high explosive bombs was fired by a German raider a shunter and other men removed a sheet and the topmost layer of bombs, which by that time were hot.

This is only one instance of courage, gallantry and initiative shown by railwaymen, who are often under fire in air raids.

In one raid hundreds of incendiary bombs were dropped on a railway siding with high explosive bombs. Wagons were set on fire, but the staff worked for several hours putting out the fires.

A wagon of ammunition fuses on fire was unloaded and saved by a checker and his gang and a train of ammunition and petrol was promptly moved from a blazing building by a yard inspector.

Save Explosion

After wagons had been set on fire at a large goods centre, fifty horses were saved, and at another station more than eighty horses were removed.

An engine driver and fireman were sheltering under the wheels of the tender of their engine when it was struck by a bomb.

But they climbed back on to the footplate while other bombs were dropping, flooded the boiler to reduce steam pressure, extinguished the fire with the injector hose pipe and by throwing ballast into the firebox, and so prevented a boiler explosion. Men at docks and on railway steamers have also shown great bravery.

One ship's officer picked up a large bomb which fell on the deck and threw it overboard just in time. It exploded immediately on hitting the water.

POSTMAN HERO

When bombs are falling in one of London's worst hit areas there is always a man on duty who needn't be—John Moyce, postman aged forty-two.

Night after night he keeps vigil in the garden of the house where he lives with his mother-in-law and father-in-law.

When anything drops Jack, as he is known to his friends, is always one of the first on the spot. Already he has saved many lives.

When a "bread-basket" of incendiaries burst over the district, Jack rescued a woman and her baby who were trapped.

He was first on the scene when three houses were demolished by a direct hit. He got one man out alive and helped in the rescue of two others before he was overcome by gas fumes.

He came to on a stretcher. He heard a voice say: "Get him to hospital as quickly as possible."

That was enough for Jack. He scrambled off the stretcher. "Not for me," he said. "I'm going back to help with the rescue work."

And back he went.

"If ever a man deserves the George Cross it is Jack Moyce," said a neighbour.

Councillor T. E. Evans said: "Moyce won the D.C.M. in the last war for rescuing a wounded colonel under fierce machine-gun fire. He was only seventeen at

DEATH FOR HIDING BRITONS

Norwegians who hide Englishmen, or who give information to the Norwegian Government in London, are to be punished with death, under a new law of Major Quisling's ersatz Government of Norway.

The law is necessary, the Government say, because of increasing activity by British "Secret Service agents," who are said to have furnished all kinds of information to London, particularly concerning movements of troops and ships along the Norwegian coast.

The real reason for the new law is quite different. In the last few weeks the British Navy has been operating most successfully off the Norwegian coast, and Norwegians have been able to see for themselves the power of British arms.

"British Spies"

A report from Oslo says that British bombers which attacked a German convoy off Hauge-sund sank at least one transport of 5,000 tons.

Anxious to prove to the Norwegians the "incidental" nature of such happenings as the Hauge-sund attack, the Germans are claiming that they are only possible through the help of "British spies."

"Spies" are made responsible, also, for many acts of sabotage that have been committed lately by Norwegian patriots.

the time."

All Jack would say is: "My mother-in-law and father-in-law are nervous, and it seems to give them confidence if I am keeping watch. Maybe I've been able to help a few people, but I reckon that is what we are all here for, so I just do it."



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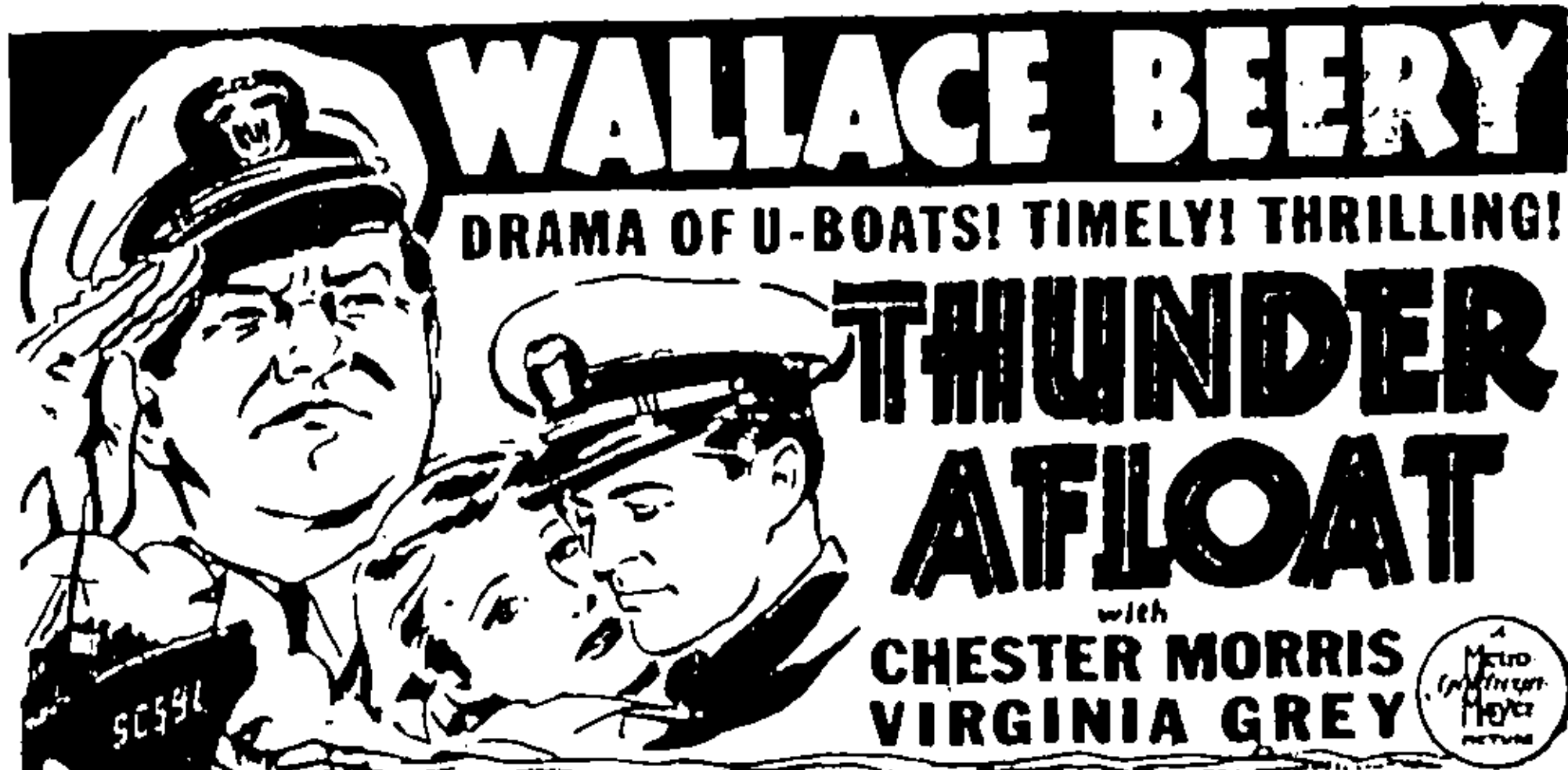


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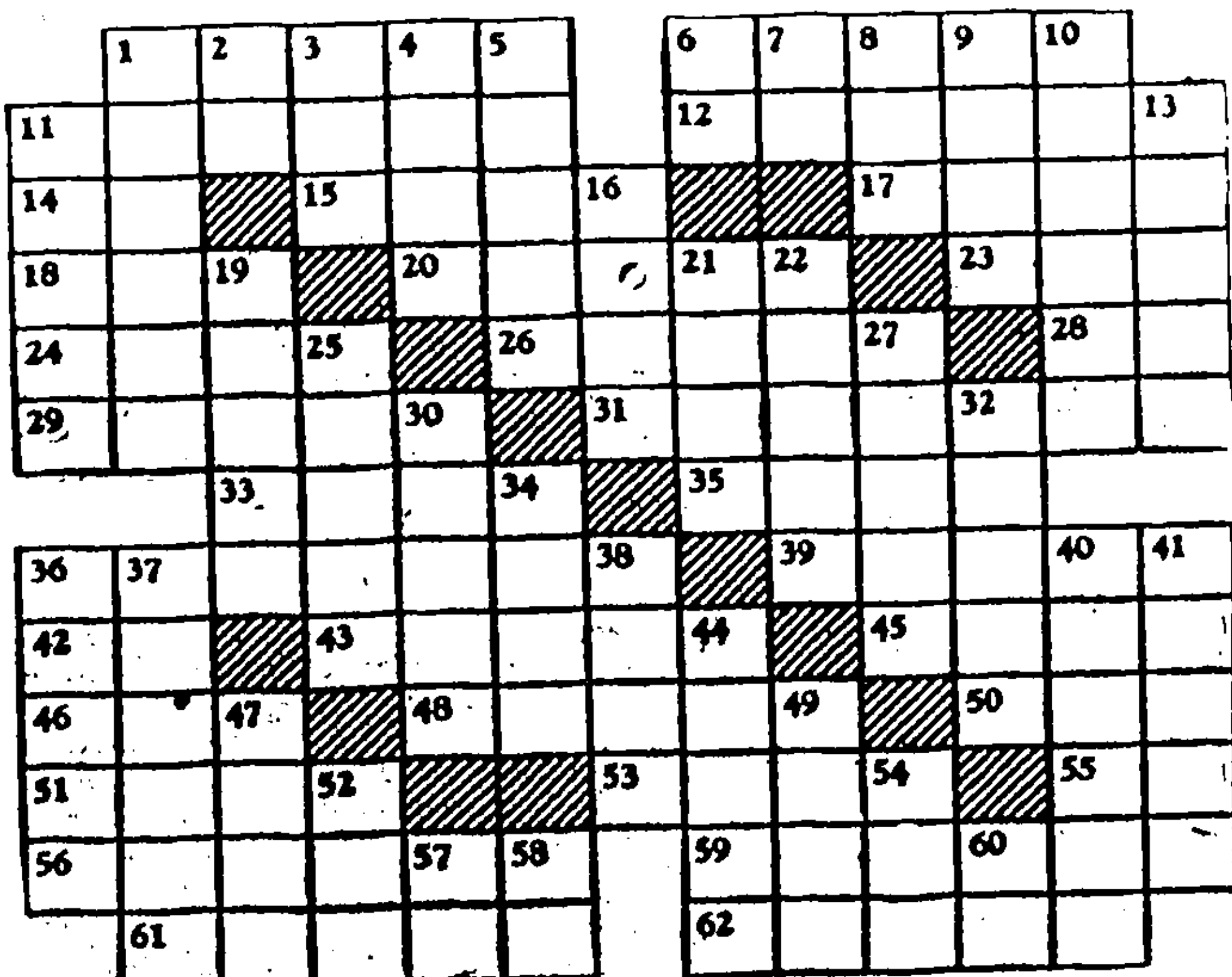
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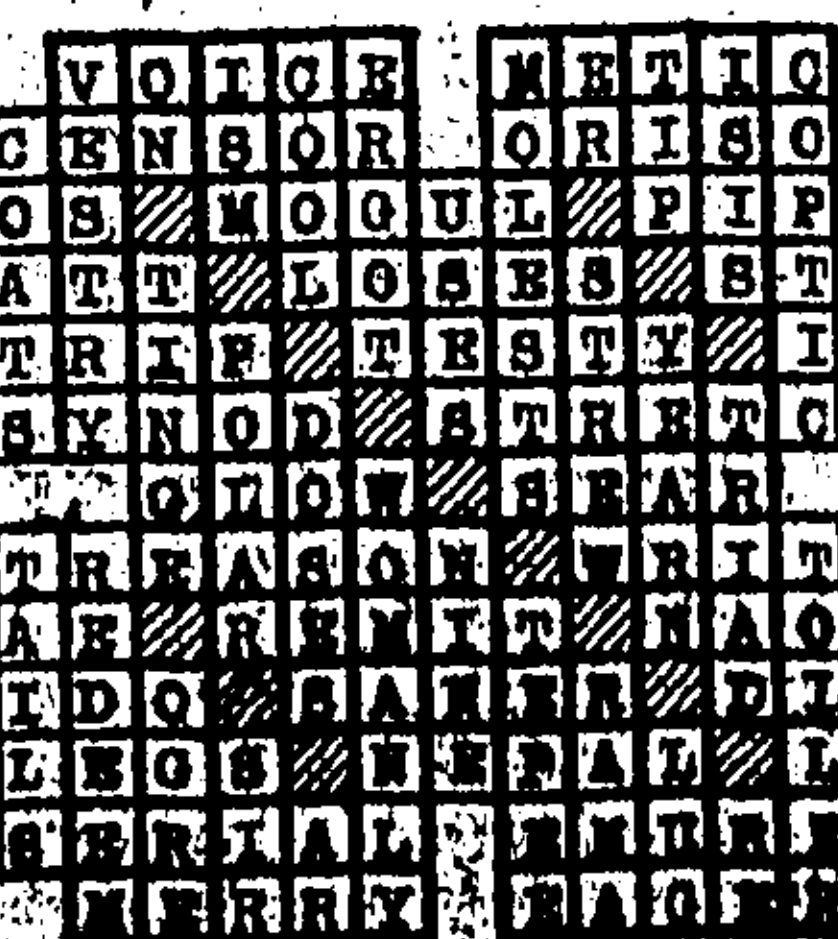


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11 A majority
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33 Aloud
35 Scandinavian myth
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43 Dueling swords
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50 To obstruct
51 Parent
53 To wander
55 Earth goddess
56 Hypnotic condition
59 Watched on
61 Church official
62 To scoff

VERTICAL
1 Lying on the back
2 Toward
3 Skill
4 To destroy
5 Insect
6 By
7 Extremely
8 Prefix: in favour of
9 Gaelic
10 Large antelope
11 To cower
12 Passageways
13 Shield
15 Piece of turf
21 Southwestern Indians
23 Feminine personal name
25 Eagle's nest
27 River in Africa
30 Sloping walks
32 Rowed
34 Ancient English court
36 Animal
37 Complete
38 To burn
40 Medieval military engine
41 Appointed
44 Facing the direction whence a glacier moves
47 Russian sea
49 Level
53 Conclusion
54 Before
57 Symbol for cerium
58 Testonic daily
60 Brother of Odin

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



BEN'S DAD IS A HERO

Ten-year-old Benny Sexton, jun., has been evacuated from his home in a South-East London suburb to Cornwall. While there he's been hearing about some daring exploits by his forty-year-old dad, Benny Sexton, senr.

Young Benny didn't see why his dad's bravery should go unsung, so he decided to write to the newspapers about it.

Here is his letter — just as he wrote it: —

I want to tell you about my Daddie.

I was reading about the Acts of Heroism in your Paper. Well here is one more. My Daddie Went into My Nana's (grandmother's) House And carried from down stairs, a huge Oil bomb, and put it in the gutter, and then covered it with Sand. The Police said it was the biggest they've seen.

You can imagine how heavy it was for My Father, as he as been Wounded in the Arm several times in the LAST WAR.

Yours Respectfully,
Benny Sexton, Jr.

Carried Bomb Down

Young Benny heard the story from his grandmother, who is still living in London.

"The bomb fell on the house next door to mine," Benny's grandmother told a reporter. "My son (Benny senior) and I had just returned from a shelter.

"My son ran in the house and went upstairs. We were all amazed to see him come down with the bomb in his arms and put it in the gutter.

"A few days before that he had helped to get some people out of a house hit by an incendiary bomb."

Letter To Grandma

Mr. Sexton, senior, was a book-binder who became unemployed when war broke out.

His summing-up of the exploit which transformed him into a hero in his little son's eyes was: "It's nice to be handy about the place."

He did not know about Benny's letter but Benny's grandmother received a letter from the young evacuee which said:

"By the way Daddie's story has not been published, but I will see it is."

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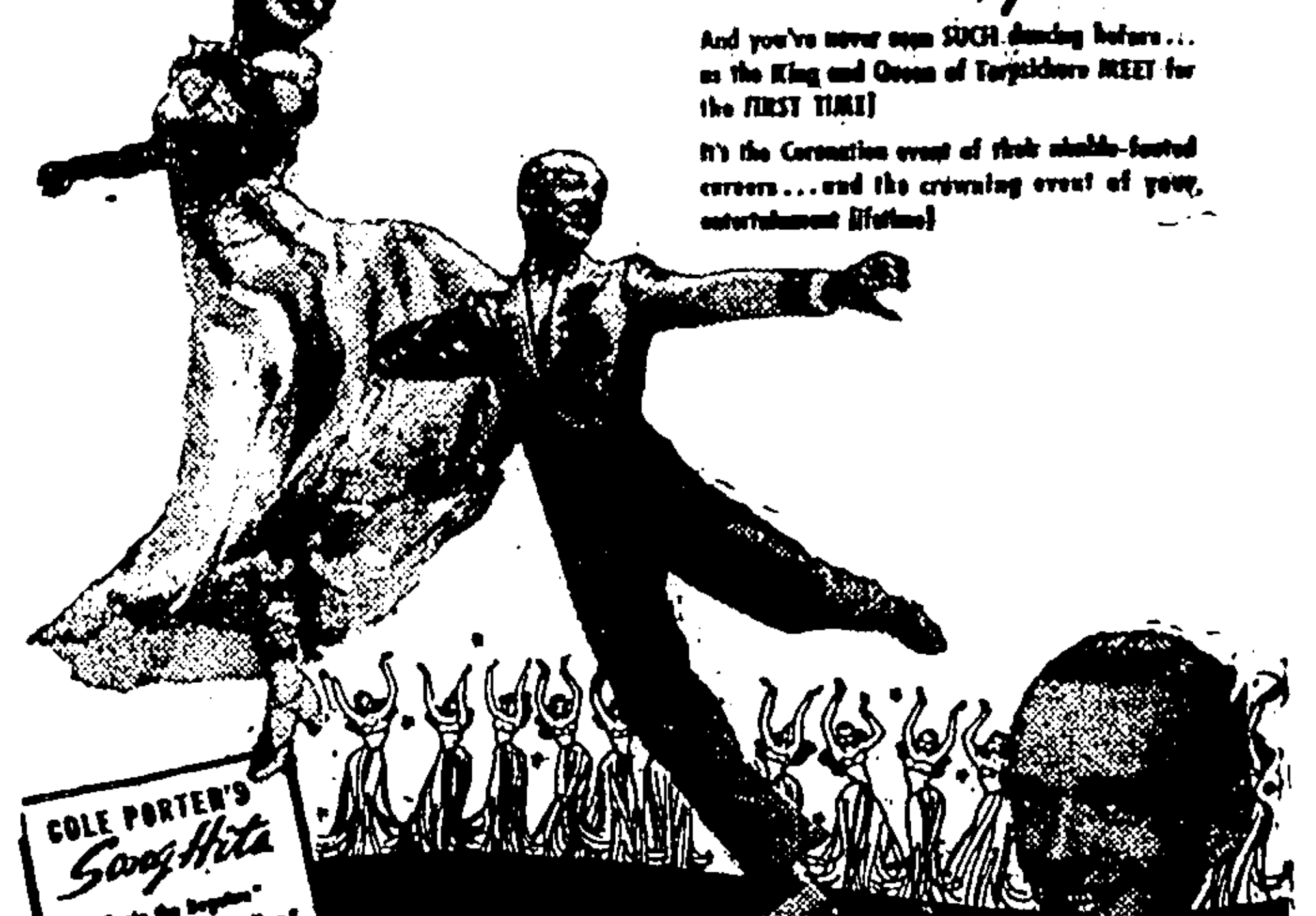
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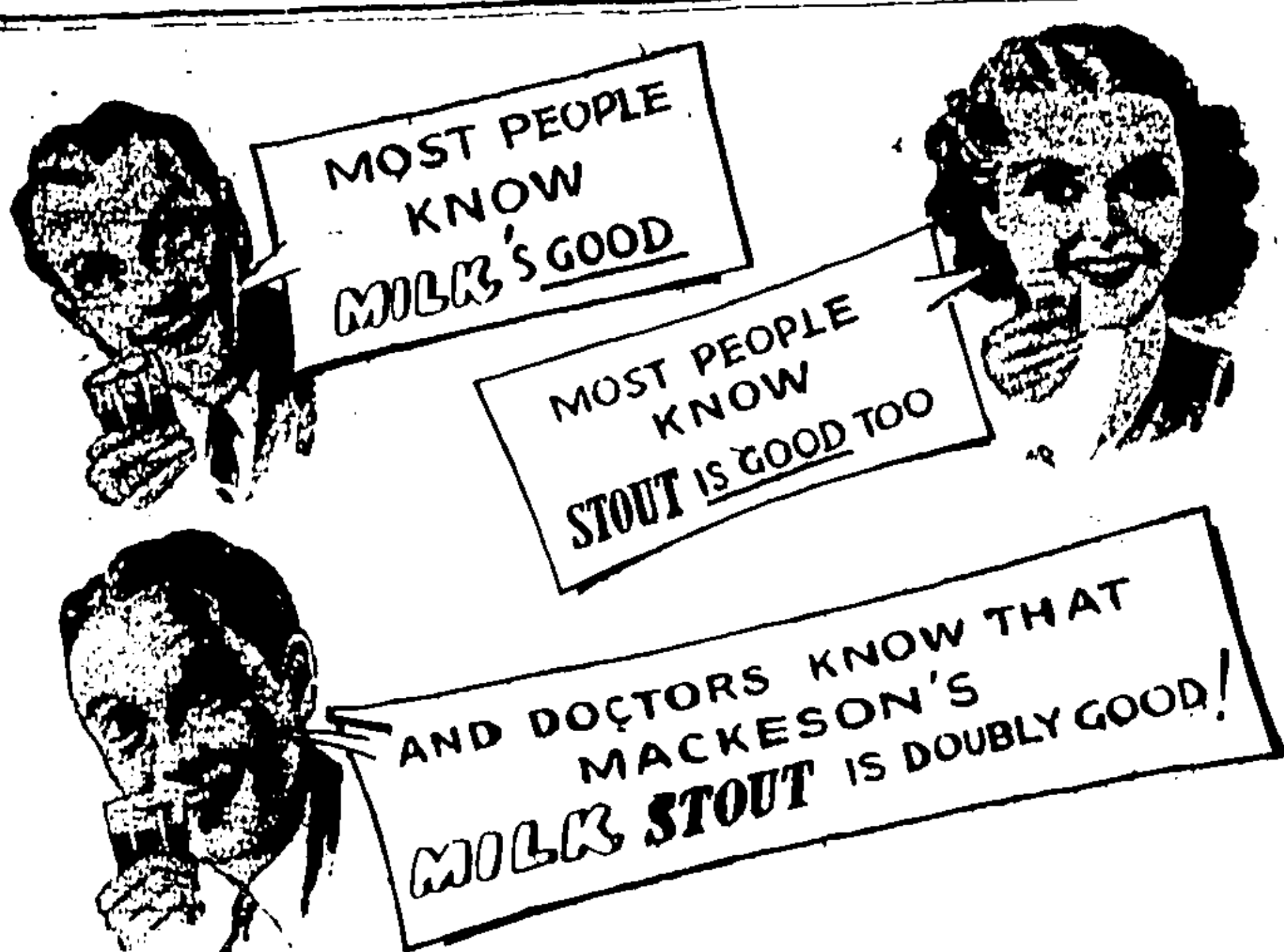
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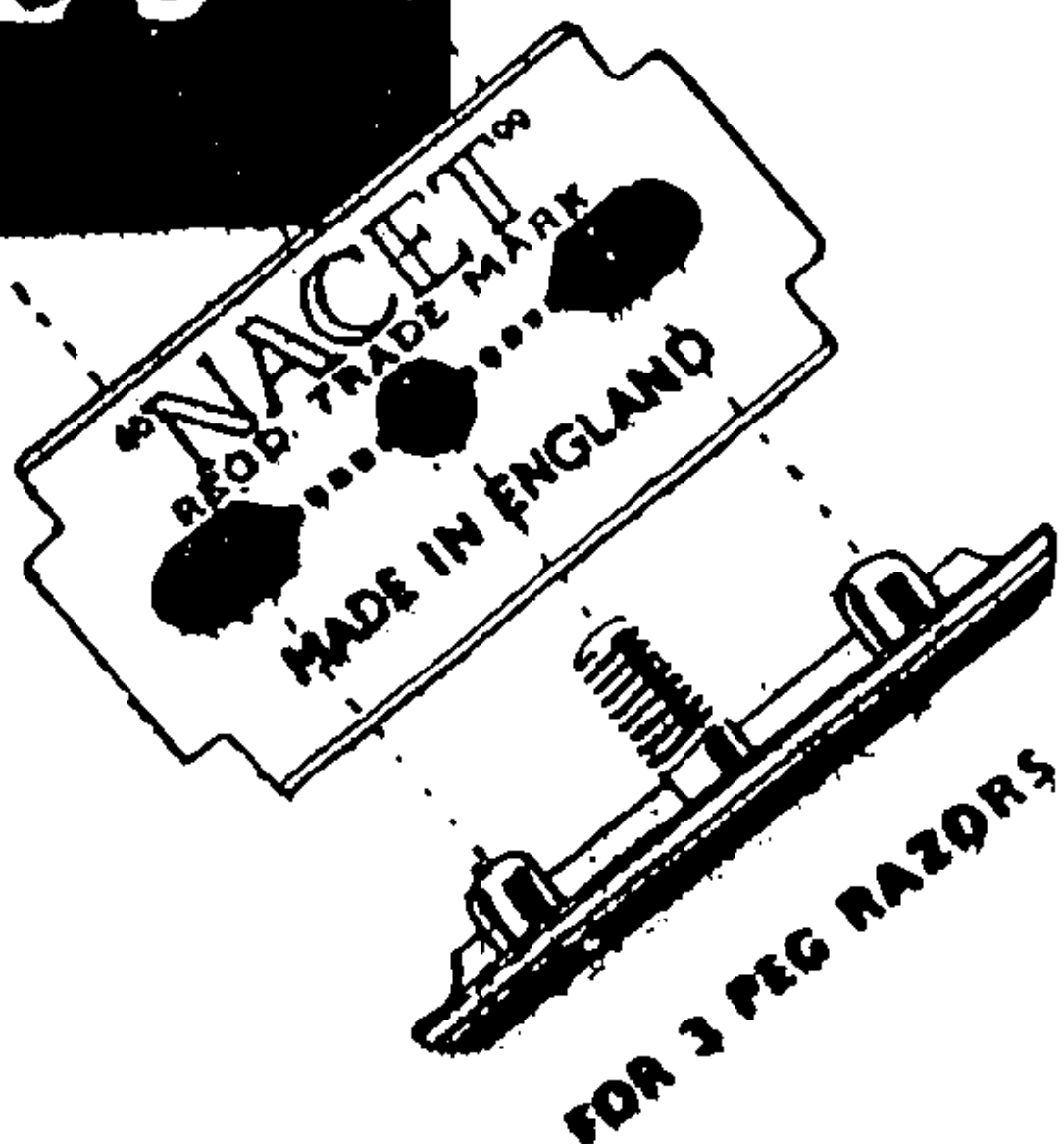
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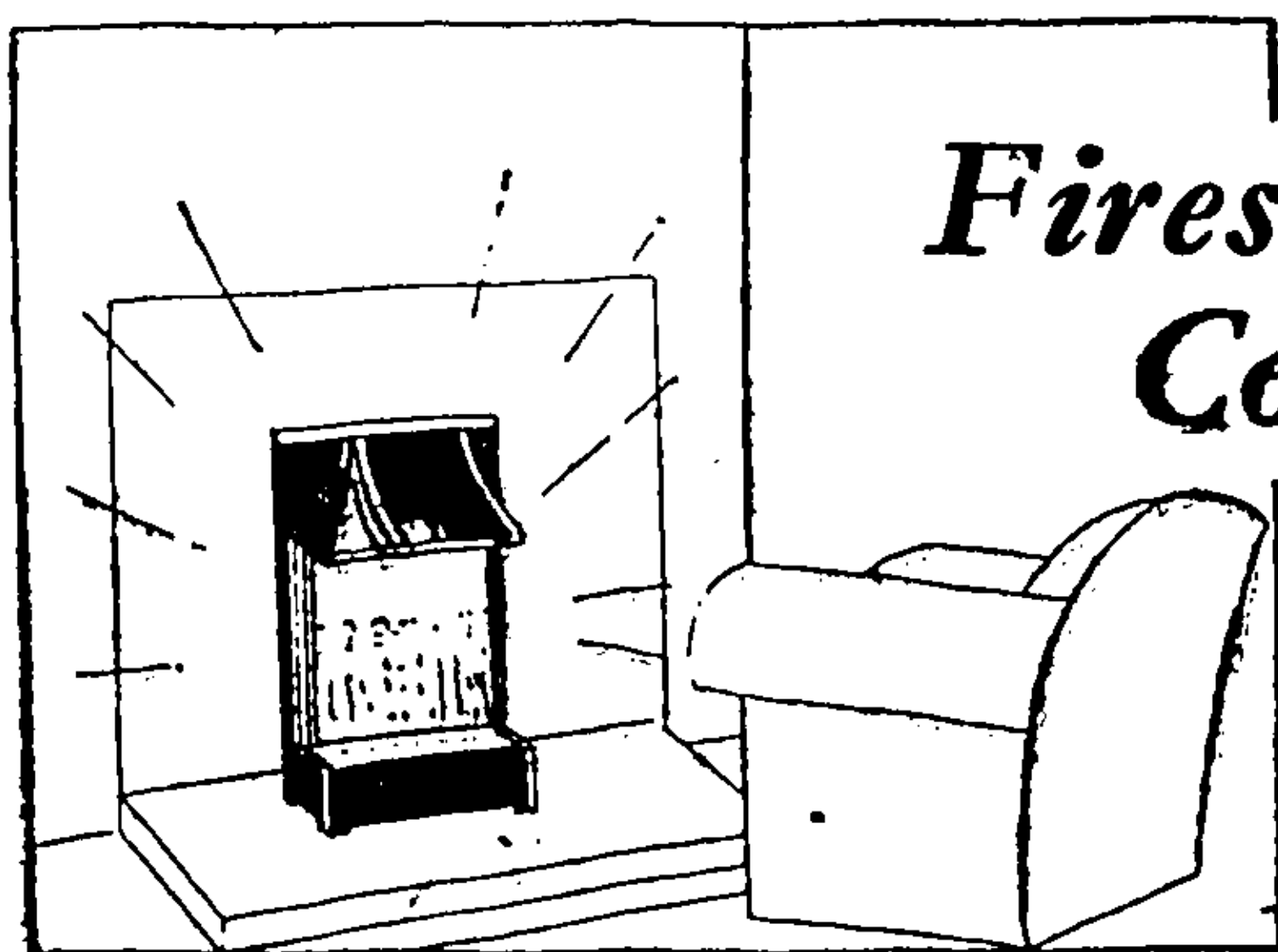
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SECRETS OF THE SECRET TRIAL

A WOMAN WHO SPIED FOR REVENGE

THE BIGGEST SPY TRIAL OF THIS WAR ENDED WHEN ANNA WOLKOFF, BRITISH NATURALISED WHITE RUSSIAN, WAS SENTENCED AT THE OLD BAILEY TO TEN YEARS' PENAL SERVITUDE, AND TYLER KENT, AMERICAN EMBASSY CLERK, WAS GIVEN SEVEN YEARS. NOT MORE THAN TWENTY PEOPLE WERE ALLOWED INTO THE COURT DURING THE LONG TRIAL, BUT AT THE PASSING OF SENTENCE THE COURT WAS FILLED WITH SPECTATORS.

They did not find Anna Wolkoff dressed in fox furs, a beautiful spy. She is thirty-seven, with dark and greying hair, with a lined and pale face. Tyler Kent was handsome enough, though, with well-cut clothes and an extravagant air.

They were caught when Anna tried to pass a letter in code to Lord Haw Haw, the traitor who broadcasts from Germany.

It was a secret code and the letter gave information to our discredit. The story of these two spies—opposite in character but similar in background—is worthy of a boys' thriller. Though their spying was not very effective, it was efficient.

Hated Reds

Anna Wolkoff is the daughter of a Czarist admiral. Cut off from her country, she became violently anti-Jewish and anti-Communist. She began trying to pass information to Germany when that country was anti-Russian.

Tyler Kent comes from a fine, diplomatic family, but he translated democracy into anti-Red and anti-Semitic principles.

The trial was in secret, but this is the background of the two spies. They did not meet until they became fellow-members of a London club called "The Right Club."

The club had a badge—an eagle gripping a viper. The viper being Communism and Jewish blood.

The Right Club was formed by Captain A. H. M. Ramsay, M.P., in June 1939. There were no rules or regulations and the main occupation of the members seems to have been listening to Captain Ramsay running down Communism and Jews.

Members were divided into four degrees. "Warden" was the highest, and "fellow" was the lowest. Subscription decided the degree of the member. A warden's entrance fee was £25.

Trips To Germany

Anna Wolkoff made some trips to Germany. In 1939 she stayed with Princess Liechtenstein, and on this trip met Henlein, ruler of Sudetenland.

She knew the foremost German Fascists, and her contacts with Nazis encouraged her hate for the Jews.

Kent came of an old Virginian family and hated European Jews.

One night, at a banquet, Anna Wolkoff was introduced to Kent by a well-known American society woman. Conversation turned on the Jewish race, and Kent, who had learned to speak Russian while at the United States Embassy in Moscow, told her he hated Jews just as she did.

They met frequently. Wolkoff's family, exiled and stripped of their class, kept a tea-room in Kensington. After their meetings at the Right Club the woman and Kent met at the tea-room several times, and exchanged their fanatical views.

Though Wolkoff was a British citizen, she abused the freedom of her adopted State and agreed to work for Hitler. Kent, in a privileged and diplomatic position, decided to pass on confidential documents to Anna Wolkoff so she could relay them to Germany. They became spies chiefly for

the violence of their own principles. It is not known whether they were paid by Germany.

The believed they would defeat Jews and Communism by their efforts to send to Germany weapons against the country they were living in.

Held in Secret

Their trial was held in camera, behind the black-out glass-panelled doors of the court. The judge, Mr. Justice Tucker, spoke in most bitter and scathing tones of their conduct.

He first turned to Kent and said:

"The jury has found you guilty of five offences of obtaining and communicating documents which might be of use to the enemy for a purpose prejudicial to the safety of the State."

"They were highly confidential documents which you took from the American Embassy where you were employed. One of them you stole."

"There is one fact in your favour. The documents—highly confidential as they were—did not relate to any naval or military movements."

Kent took his sentence quietly, without sign.

To the woman in the dock the judge's tone was severe and critical:

"Your case is more serious than Kent's, because you attempted to send a letter in code to one Joyce in Berlin."

"You, a Russian subject in 1935, became a naturalised British subject."

"At a time when this country was fighting for her life and existence, you sent a document to the traitor who broadcasted from Germany. It is difficult to imagine a more serious offence."

"Virus in Your System"

"I take into consideration the fact that you have undoubtedly been led to do this by this anti-Jewish obsession on your part, which the Solicitor-General rightly described as a virus which had got into your system, and had destroyed your mental and moral fibre."

"To some extent that may be an excuse."

Wolkoff was defended by Mr. C. G. L. Du Cann, whose speech on her behalf lasted more than three hours.

She was shaken and nervous when judgment was passed.

And so they go to gaol—two people from widely separated countries, who were brought together by the same fanatical ideas.

Anna Wolkoff was sentenced because she betrayed the freedom Britain had given her.

She was educated in England, she knew the Duchess of Gloucester when she was a young girl at school. She had been accepted in our casual social life.

And Kent, from Virginia, had forgotten that his grandfather had subscribed to the Lincoln Administration.

They betrayed their heritage; they plotted for a grievance.

Their sentences were heavy, but they are perhaps fortunate that the death penalty for spies was not in operation until a fortnight after their arrests.

UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER

Sir,—I wonder if we might have the courtesy of your columns to bring to the notice of your many readers who may not have seen the posters and pamphlets dealing with the matter, that the Universal Week of Prayer will begin on Monday, January 6th, and continue until Sunday, January 12th. Each evening of this week, brief services of prayer, lasting approximately half an hour, will be held in St. John's Cathedral, at 5.30 p.m.

On Sunday, January 12th, a combined service of all the non-Roman Churches of Hong Kong and Kowloon will be held in the English Methodist Church, Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, at 8.30 p.m.

These services will be conducted by clergymen of the various non-Roman churches of the Colony, and we cordially invite all who believe in the power of prayer, to unite with us and all our fellow-Christians throughout the world, at any, or all of these times.

Further steps towards unity will be taken when on Thursday the 9th and Sunday the 12th, all Christian people are invited to share in the Communion Services which will follow immediately after the Service of Prayer and the United Service, respectively.

Further details concerning the Universal Week of Prayer may be had from the posters displayed at the Star Ferries, Peak Tram stations, and business premises in the city, to all of whom we are grateful for this measure of publicity.

It is, perhaps, scarcely necessary to stress the need of human penitence and divine intercession at a moment in history, such as this. It is, therefore, with the confidence that we shall have a sympathetic understanding and cooperation that we bring the matter to the consideration of all who have the world's true welfare at heart.

On behalf of the various non-Roman Churches of Hong Kong and Kowloon,

(sgd) J. L. WALSON.

HEALTH OF H.E.

Since Christmas Eve, His Excellency has been suffering from a form of intermittent fever, which, though not of a serious nature, has been sufficiently exhausting for his medical advisers to order him a week's complete rest.

He was therefore reluctantly compelled to cancel his engagements on January 3rd to visit the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock, and to dine with the Sino-British Cultural Association, and was also unable to pay the further visit which he had planned to the Trade Exhibition.

Instead of returning to Government House on January 2, he is remaining at Fanling Lodge until January 6, when it is hoped that he will be able to return to Government House.

He hopes to be able to go out with the Fanling Hunt on January 5th.

The cause of the fever is still obscure, but it is definitely not malaria.

B.F.R.D.C. GRANTS

The Board of Administrators of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China recently made a grant of \$1,000 to the Hok Shan Traders' Association of Hong Kong, for medical relief in the Hok Shan District, Kwangtung Province. The Board has also approved further grant of \$3,000 (for period January to June, 1941 at \$500 per month), to Mr. H. A. Wittenbach, towards relief work under his direction at Tsai Hang and Shekhi.

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WHERE WE STAND

The New Year has brought forth a crop of pronouncements from well-known leaders in world affairs, which, when sifted down, bear the same message—an assurance that ultimate victory over aggression is approaching. This message of confidence in British strength to overcome the evil forces of Nazism must have been read by Hitler and his advisers with some foreboding as well as rage. The war is now well on its way in its second year but it is only during the past three or so months that the stage has been sufficiently cleared to show the advantages Britain has gained as well as the disadvantages which still weigh against her. The New Year season has, in fact, given the world an opportunity—a small breathing space—to assess the work of the months which have passed as well as the tasks which still lie ahead.

In his message to the German nation Herr Hitler declared that 1941 would bring them a decisive victory, but the German leader has cultivated the habit of making grandiose statements, which, while they may sound reassuring to his expectant people, are now generally discounted by the world at large. While confident of success British leaders do not adopt the same tone. They know that much suffering and loss still lie ahead, that problems will arise which may be baffling for a period, but they do know that they have the confidence of a determined people behind them and as they review the progress already made they furthermore realise that events have on the whole proved to be extraordinarily hopeful and encouraging.

An assessment of Britain's chances of winning the war seven or eight months ago would have made many feel that there was every reason to fear the worst and little reason for anticipating a victorious outcome. That this attitude has been completely changed is to be seen by the confident statements made by prominent people all over the world during the past week. These pronouncements ring true. Nothing of a lurking distrust or fear can be traced in them. As General Sikorski, Polish Prime Minister, said in his recent broadcast to the wretchedly unhappy people of Po-

land, "the dawn is already high." Queen Wilhelmina, General Smuts, General Metaxas, King Haakon and others have struck with inspiring assurance the same note of a confidence which lies in the hearts of the greater portion of mankind. It may well be that Herr Hitler spoke the truth when he said that 1941 would bring decisive victory—but surely not as he would wish it. The odds are mounting rapidly against him. Britain, backed by her own courageous, undaunted people, the United States, the Empire and her Allies, cannot be forced to succumb to terror and aggression in all its worst characteristics. Perhaps when Hitler complained that Germany to-day stands alone ringed by foes, he had begun to have faint glimmerings of the evil he has wrought not only to the conquered countries but to his own people. He and his colleagues must see that all those nations still unconquered will not limit their energies or spare their sacrifices. "They intend," as a well-known Canadian recently said, "in the great words of Pitt, to save themselves by their exertions and the world by their example. That example invites the brave and the free of the whole world to associate themselves in this greatest crusade for humanity in order that victory may be early, overwhelming and fruitful. And the fruits of victory must be the attainment of the vision that great, good and wise men saw so clearly twenty-one years ago: a world of peaceful, useful cooperation in good works by free men and free nations, a world from which the devil-worship of Mars will be outlawed for ever."

Especially had Ma suffered at the seaside, where the once dowdy boarding-houses had their faces lifted and had treated themselves to a coat of paint inside and out. Titivation had proceeded from trimmings to titles. They changed their names to Hostel, Guest House, or Private Hotel, and even invested in a Neon Tube sign whereby to flash

their name, and business to the Marine Parade, Marlborough, Blenheim, Sandringham, Braemar—almost singing themselves they run. And, till the war began, they proclaimed in letters of orange, which far outshone the modest lettering of the landladies in Seaview Terrace, their proud, sonorous titles and the gaiety within.

Then there were the Holiday Camps, cheap, social, with every modern convenience and all the

modern pleasures. Their official hosts and hostesses mapped out the day with a colossal time-table of delights. From the bathe before breakfast to the dance at night all was scheduled; contests and competitions were incessantly organised; nobody had a moment in which to wonder what to do; the pleasure machine swept up boredom as a vacuum cleaner pounces upon dust. What could the landlady, with her sedate privacy of "digs," set against such a life, where none need be solitary, none need deliberate or scourge himself with choosing between one bliss and another, since revelry was laid on with a constancy equalled only by that of the water in the cubicles?

Ma, with her majestic mahogany sideboard, her nice seclusion of separate apartments, her heirloom furnishings and acreage of Victorian oil-paintings or engravings (now barely saleable at a penny a yard), her cavalcade of cruets, and the powerful odour of roast mutton and boiled vegetable emerging from the lower or hinder parts of the gaunt, many-staired stucco mansion, was not of this world. She appealed to individualists who kept themselves to themselves and chose their own holiday way to suit their mood. Somehow, with the aid of a scampering, bewildered girl or

two, she served four different dinners to four sets of lodgers at midday. There was an atmosphere about her quiet kingdom of the sterner virtues as well as of boiled cabbage. Church and chapel notices were on the wall by the hatstand. In your bedroom you might discover an illumined warning that God Sees All. It was not supposed that those who came to partake of sea air would forget the Lord's Day, array themselves as for a South Sea orgy of sun worship, or take the Marine Parade with a blatant and barbaric show of scarlet toe-nails.

The British lodging-house is matriarchal. One never expects the landlord to be lordly. He is, for the most part, an appendage, a humble helpmate who "pops out" to fetch and dispatch, lends a hand with the luggage, and generally performs the humbler offices compatible with carpet-slippers and a pipe. He knows his place and worth and is no more of a hearthrug monarch than was poor Joe Gargery, to whom Mrs. Joe was "a master mind" and habitually "on the Ram Page, Pip, on the Ram Page." He has probably retired some years ago from a post and has now turned retirement into a regular habit. He is only seen when sent for and then is only half-visible, hovering like a ghost which suffers acutely from nerves. (I have always suspected that ghosts must be panic-stricken at the prospect of our solid selves.) He had not, apparently, much pocket-money in the past, but now his finances ought to be stronger, just as services as a popper-out are more frequently and urgently needed.

For Ma's empire is restored and new jewels have been added to its renovated diadem. By wire, by letter, and by pitiful oral request from houseless nomads she is besought to provide accommodation. She, who had watched the visitors flock to the lure of the Neon lighting and the Holiday Camp, sees her rivals overthrown. Civil servants are billeted in the swaggering Guest House and the Camp has been occupied

by the troops. The luxury hotel has also been taken over. She has discovered the pleasures of monopoly; she embodies all the hard wisdom of economists on the subject of scarcity and rent. She can put the intending lodgers under scrutiny and give laws to her new subjects. She can charge extra, as of old, for "cruet." And why not? For every cruet of hers is a masterpiece of ancient splendour, a true twelvepointer, as the gille would say, a Stonehenge of the dining-room, and suitably equipped with all the condiments and relishes proper to what is advertised as "liberal table."

The basement, scene so often of Ma's labours, the fount and origin of so many odd culinary odours, shares now with the jubilant landlady the return to glory. The basement, that once was the pest of owners and the fatal bar to a profitable let or sale, has become the asset of a property. What residence, even in secluded areas, can be dubbed desirable without it? The once abhorred depths, which made us lament the idiosyncrasy of ancestral architecture, are now turned into the precious heart of the home. The narrow, curly stairway has become the ladder to a subterranean quietude.

We laughed at the landlady and now are on our knees to her. We tore up the house-agent's bulletins with their cautious reference to "semi-basement." Semi-basement indeed! We would have none of it and want none of it now. Full basements, please, deep, dark, and devious the true condition of a sheltered life as 1941 understands that ill-starred adjective. So back to glory the subterranean kitchen comes, along with her who reigned there in drab dominion over sink and copper. Great as once Diana of the Ephesians has become Ma, stern goddess of the basement, and blessed, too, has that nether temple become, the more cavernous the more desired. On the roundabout of Time she rides in triumph, the owner of a treasure far beyond rubies, the Woman With a Room To Let.

By
Ivor Brown

The Germans In Denmark

After the cattle show in a small Danish town the young people met for a dance. Uninvited, some German officers appeared. Those present simply tried to ignore the unwelcome guests and danced on. But then a German officer, bowing courteously, asked a young girl for a dance. She turned to a Danish friend and asked him to take her away, as she "felt so tired." The same happened when the German tried his luck once more.

The officer left, but next morning the police were asked to investigate this outrageous case of unfriendliness towards the protectors of Danish neutrality. A strong representation to the Danish Government was even made through the military governor in Copenhagen.

Similar cases of "unfriendliness" have been reported to the Danish Government over and over again. German officers and soldiers who have tried to make contact with Danes and as a consequence have been cold-shouldered (and not only in the ball-rooms) seem to fail entirely in understanding why. The decent ones express their surprise sadly. They go round rather naively and ask people to explain why Germans always should be hated. They seem quite honest in their surprise, and one sometimes almost feels sorry for them. The German troops brought with them to Denmark and Norway an instructive pamphlet which ordered that they should behave politely and unprovokingly—and to a large extent one cannot deny that they have tried to do so. But they fail entirely to see their own tactlessness in attempting to be intimate with the population and trying to be "loved" by them.

Their protests were the reason behind recent appeals by the Prime Minister over the Copenhagen wireless, in which he be-

seathed the population not to show undue "unfriendliness" in their connections with German troops. Of course, more serious acts of sabotage are known, and they have been severely punished, sometimes even by a German military court. But it seems as if the majority of all the troublesome cases during August and September have been the offspring of sheer German jealousy.

Of minor importance also is this example—and yet it contributed to harden the political atmosphere when later a crisis threatened the very existence of the Government.

Danish farmers have always, for one reason and another, been strong opponents of the idea of summer time. When the Parliament in April decided, in spite of all opposition, to introduce summer time it was promised the farmers that it would not be extended beyond August 15. On the evening of the 14th, two hours before summer time was to end and when all preparations had been made in this respect, the Prime Minister was curtly informed from Berlin that it was regarded as impractical to have two sets of timing within the German military administrative area—so would the Government please cancel its decision?

The Government then, actually infringing an Act of Parliament, was forced to announce by way of the radio that the summer time should continue, and the Parliament was next day summoned in order to pass the German-desired law. No comments were offered.

A question of minor importance—yes. But strongly felt in Denmark as just another humiliation, and it happened shortly before an important question was brought to a critical head: the question of an economic rapprochement

through a Customs union between Germany and Denmark. The Germans at the same time asked the Government to consider the question of a common currency.

The effect of such a Customs union would be devastating to the whole industrial structure of Denmark. This country is rightly known as a vast agricultural enterprise. But this often tends to conceal that only one-third of the population is engaged in agriculture; another third is engaged in industry—for instance, shipbuilding and great machinery works, which before the war were successfully exporting. When it was learned that such proposals were under preliminary discussion and that, in fact, a delegation had left for Berlin strong resentment was felt in industrial quarters and also among the working people, who suspected a new attempt to reduce them and their already lowered standard of living to the German level.

It appeared that the Foreign Minister, Erik Scavenius, had gone far into promises during these negotiations with Berlin, strongly supported by the Minister for Public Works, Gunnar Larsen.

When it was learned how far they had gone in their negotiations—without any mandate—they met a stormy opposition. Of course, the papers could not write about it. But the opponents had their spokesmen within the Government, where after one stormy meeting following another it was decided by nine votes against three to break off all conversations and inform Berlin that consideration had to be postponed indefinitely.

Germany still seems to be cautious not to offend the King. He, on the other hand, repeatedly stresses his loyalty to the Government, and appreciation of his timely intervention recently, when a crisis seemed inevitable, may largely have strengthened the overwhelming demonstrations of warm sympathy from the people on his seventieth birthday.

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WATER BRINGS NEW SHELTER MENACE

By A Special Correspondent

I PADDLED through the deep shelters of London's East End just a few hours after thousands of men, women and children had huddled together on boxes and narrow seats crouching under mackintoshes and ground-sheets. The below-street caverns gave them shelter from bombs and shell-splinters — but not from water.

Shelter after shelter in Stepney, Bow, Limehouse, Tottenham, Walthamstow and many other boroughs were transformed into self-contained reservoirs. Inside them, people tried to keep dry.

Many of them didn't succeed. Neither did I.

After touring three shelters within a half-mile radius of Stepney Green, I had splashed through miniature lakes 6in. deep. My shoes were squelching with water, my socks saturated.

Workmen were busy in most of the shelters I entered.

Old Bill, in Beaumont Square, wiped his brow.

"I've swept gallons and gallons of water away," he said. "I've been at it all morning. And look at it now!"

He guided me through the sodden network of shelters. Muddled pools of water collected everywhere.

A.R.P. workers toiled with pumps to clear other shelters.

And on the front garden rails, on doorsteps and hanging out of bedroom windows of houses nearby the damp mattresses and bed clothing of the shelter sleepers were put out to dry.

Orange Box Hunt

People who had spent the night in the shelters told me their experiences.

In a Stepney shelter, a woman nursed her little baby and held an umbrella above her head all night long to keep off the dripping water.

Four hundred men, women and children in Limehouse had scoured the neighbourhood for orange boxes and constructed their own dry platform.

Water flowed so deep in sections of another shelter that men and women took it in turn to bale it out with small cans into buckets. As quickly as they carried the water out, it seeped in again through the roof and down the sides.

"Thank heavens I managed to save my old camping tent when my home was bombed," a Bow man told me. "I tore it into sections and the wife and kiddies sheltered under it. They would have been soaked through without it. I know! I was shivering from the damp by dawn."

Repair squads answered S.O.S. calls to shelters in Walthamstow during the night. They pumped water from underground retreats in recreation grounds.

Two Remedies

Everywhere I went I heard the same plea. "Can't the Council do something to make the shelters water-proof?"

The answer is YES.

This is what CAN be done:

(1) Additional water ducts can be dug at the foot of the concrete steps leading down to the shelters and grids can be placed over the gaps to prevent accidents. Much of the water in shelters came from small-sized waterfalls splashing down the steps.

(2) Concrete roofs of deep shelters can be made waterproof with asphalt or tar. The earth can be moved quickly to permit the treatment to be carried out.

These are no idle recommendations. They are what the people want — because they were suggested to me by workmen who use the shelters.

REFUGEE TELLS OF PRISON CAMP TERRORS

A BOOK ABOUT terrorism in the Austrian concentration camps entitled "Man Crucified" is nearing completion. Its author is Mr. Bruno Heilig, late editor of "Der Wiener Tag" and "Der Morgan," a refugee from Vienna after the pogrom of November 10, 1938.

He wrote the greater part of his manuscript in an Isle of Man internment camp.

Men Lashed

This is no mere story of hardship, but a startling revelation of cruelty brought to a debased science.

His settings are the Dachau and Buchenwald camps, and he describes the inhuman conduct of the hutleaders and camp commanders there.

The average life of a prisoner in these camps is about six months.

Roll-call is at 4 a.m., when prisoners must stand stiffly to attention for hours on end.

If a prisoner shows the slightest sign of movement he is punished by 25 lashes or more on the bare back, or forced to run the gauntlet of Storm Troopers armed with whips.

So fantastic is the appearance of prisoners after a few weeks that the camp has the atmosphere of a lunatic asylum. Indeed many prisoners go raving mad and are then stifled with their blankets.

BURIED 17 HOURS

"SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU"

Nurses filled hot water bottles from a steam roller to bring vital warmth to a man trapped seventeen hours in a bombed London building.

The man, thirty-year-old Charles Paynter, lay hour after hour, his legs pinned by a beam, on a bed soaked by the hoses of firemen.

What at last he was extricated he turned to the men who had saved him. "Sorry to have caused you all this trouble," he said. And he smiled.

The rescuers smiled back. "No trouble at all mate," they said.

The barking of a dog revealed that Paynter was still in the wreckage after rescue work had been abandoned for hours.

A.R.P. squads, who had thought it impossible that there could be any more survivors, got busy again. They discovered the dog — and then Mr. Paynter.

Idea That Worked

The trapped man watched the slow minutes tick by on his wrist watch. Water dripped on him through the tons of debris which had collapsed on his bedroom.

At last the rescuers, themselves soaked by their vigil by his side, were able to lift him on to the stretcher and haul him to safety. In the street a mobile medical unit waited.

Nurses, unable to find hot water in a district in which gas mains were broken, were worried at the lack of warmth for their patient.

"There's a steam-roller down the road. It's been waiting there to pull a wall down," suggested a warden. "Let's try it, anyway," said a nurse.

She ran to the steam-roller and asked the driver. "Sure I've got hot water," he said. And he climbed under the roller and filled the bottles, which were taken to the medical lorry and tucked round Mr. Paynter.

Then the man who could still smile after seventeen hours under tons of wreckage was driven away to hospital.

Aryans, Socialists, Democrats, Catholics, Jews, and the worst type of criminals form the company of prisoners. The criminals are placed in charge of the rest. Prisoners are graded and wear special badges—red for politicians, yellow for Jews, and so on.

Bruno Heilig has written his remarkable book under great difficulties. At the Isle of Man internment camp, however, he was given every facility and encouragement to complete the work.

Escape Ruse

The manner of his final escape from Buchenwald reveals an amazing state of affairs in Vienna.

If a prisoner can prove there are possibilities of his leaving Europe altogether, he is granted leave to make his own arrangements.

A secret agency still exists in Vienna where, for fifty marks, a refugee can buy a letter declaring he has bought a ticket for Shanghai. The profits from this agency are shared with the Gestapo men.

It was with such a letter that Heilig managed to obtain a visa for England.

ANTI-NAZI SURVIVOR TELLS—

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN INTERNEE SHIP SANK

SHIRLEY TOO OLD AT 12

The screen's No. 1 box office star is now Mickey Rooney. He has just displaced Shirley Temple, who has reached the embarrassing age of 12, and like that veteran in her heyday, must be bringing the studio every year roughly his weight in gold.

Of Mickey Rooney, even more than of Miss Temple, it may be said that he is not everybody's dish. A pessimist, the wit said, is a man who lives with an optimism. One hour of Master Rooney's infectious high spirits is enough to infect many people with a listlessness, depression and loss of appetite that baffled science till it was observed that the fits coincided with recurring sagas of the Hardy family.

Battle With Beery

Sufferers dislike his perkiness and assurance. Not, it is said, confined wholly to the screen.

There is a story that when he was teamed with Wallace Beery in "Stable Mates" the battle for camera and mike was terrific until Mr. Beery, passing his hand across his face and fixing the youngster with one eye, remarked: "If there's going to be any mugging in this picture, I'm going to do it."

That is in the great acting tradition. So might Burbage have rebuked a squeaking Cleopatra from St. Paul's.

The Human Boy

From my point of view, softened by the haze of 8,000 miles, I find even Master Rooney's faults human and rather endearing. Allowing for the exaggerations of comedy and the fact that the actor has to show what most of us only feel, there is a good deal of Andy Hardy in adolescents everywhere—which accounts, of course, for the series' terrific vogue.

As for his talent, that is surely beyond question. His timing and command of vocal and facial expression are as deft as any veteran's; and with a gift for comedy, proved in roles as different as Andy Hardy and Puck, goes the feeling for drama and serious characterisation which gave us "Huckleberry Finn" and "Young Tom Edison."

Altogether a remarkable performer, this prodigy of 19. It will be interesting to follow his career, to see whether a snub nose and stature of 5ft 3in will be considered as cute at 29 as they are at 19.

GERMAN HOLD ON SPAIN

Richard Boyer, in an article in the American newspaper P.M., describes appalling conditions in Spain.

"I found Franco Spain was almost as much a part of Germany as Bavaria," he writes. "Uniformed Nazis were everywhere in Madrid, and repression was so severe that it made Germany almost seem a free country."

According to Boyer, who has just returned from Europe, there are more starvation and despair in Spain than in any other European country.

"Of all countries being held in one way or another by Germany, Spain is filled with most dynamite," he declared.

"People are in so desperate a condition that even another bloody revolution could be little worse than what is going on at present."

A French count attached to the Vichy Government in Madrid told Boyer: "Here Germany conquered Europe. She used Spain as a gigantic laboratory in which to perfect the weapons with which she crushed France and is now using against Great Britain."

A SURVIVOR'S STORY of the sinking of the Arandora Star, with 1,500 German and Italian internees on board, appears — four months after the disaster — in a new Penguin Special, "The Internment of Aliens," by Mr. Lafitte (6d.).

The majority of the survivors from the Arandora Star were shipped away almost as soon as they landed and before they could be interviewed. Only 71 hospital cases remained, and one of them, a resourceful anti-Nazi, has succeeded in making public the story through Mr. Lafitte.

This survivor left Seaton internment camp on June 30 in a party of 182, of whom 12 were Nazis. They were not told their destination.

When they eventually got on board the Arandora Star at Liverpool, it was found that there were Nazis as well as anti-Nazis in the ship. It was said that they were bound for Canada, but there was no definite news.

No Boat Drill

The cabins on board had been equipped to take double the usual number of passengers. Four slept in a cabin for one. The food was excellent and more than sufficient.

"We left Liverpool at night," writes Mr. Lafitte's survivor. "We were not allowed to walk on the promenade deck, where armed guards were on patrol. We had lifebelts in our cabins, but I noticed that there was no boat drill. There were 12 lifeboats with a capacity of 60 each; they were worn out. There were approximately 1,700 to 1,900 persons on board."

"On July 2, at seven in the morning, a hollow explosion was heard in the engine-room. Cries and running started in the corridors. I dressed scantily and went out with a lifebelt. I wanted to go to the lifeboats, but the armed guards prevented me. I could not see any officer; nobody could give any advice."

"Most of the rafts were left on board and were tied down with wire, which could not be loosened without implements."

Had No Chance

"Many could not believe that the ship was sinking. Some became hysterical. Suddenly two shots were fired. Later on I heard internees were shot at who wanted to go to lifeboats which were reserved."

"The Nazis went on deck at once in files of two under the leadership of Captain Burfend (master of the Adolph Woermann); they had access to the lifeboats. They had many seamen, and brought down about seven lifeboats. Captain Burfend stayed on board and was drowned."

"I came to the upper deck, but no lifeboats were left. Scenes of distress. A man hanged himself. The old and the ill people in the decks below had no chance."

"I advised two soldiers who were still standing guard with drawn bayonets to throw away their bayonets and to spring into the water. They said they were not allowed to, because they had not had an order, but I persuaded them."

Saw Ship Sink

"As the boat heeled over I climbed down a rope ladder with a plank in my hand into the water. I swam away from the ship and saw it sink."

"The first hours in the Atlantic Ocean were dreadful. The water was terribly cold. Cries, praying, shouts of 'Mother' in every language depressed us terribly. Old people got heart attacks and died."

After being six and a half hours in the water this survivor was rescued. Of the 182 from Seaton 101 were drowned.

After landing at Greenock the survivors went to hospital. On July 11 they got clothes and were finally interned with Nazis again.

Problem of Justice

The Arandora Star incident occupies only a brief part of Mr.

Lafitte's book, which sets out to show that the refugee problem is really a British problem—a problem of justice and personal freedom in which the reputation of Britain is involved.

The treatment of German and Italian refugees is described in detail.

Nazis and anti-Nazis were mixed indiscriminately, and Mr. Lafitte concludes that during the entire period of War Office control of the camps, the conditions of interned refugees were well below the standard of the Prisoners of War Convention.

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Lack of Regular Exercise

"No horror artist could adequately portray the flabby degeneracy muscular and organic that has attacked the modern man and his mate," states Doctor William R. P. Emerson, outstanding medical consultant widely known for his promotion of health guidance in schools and colleges.

Dr. Emerson urges women to adopt a sensible programme of regular exercise if they desire to enjoy good health and longer, healthy lives.

"I once saw a middle-aged woman on the operating table. To reach her appendix the surgeon had to cut through pendulous layers of goose-like fat, approximately four inches thick! One third of this human creature was sheer grease—impeding circulation, laying a frightful burden on heart and liver. No operation could ever make that woman healthy; no cathartics could possibly relieve her constipation. What she needed was a rational system of exercise which would call into function the degenerated muscles and organs of an inert, comfort-smothered body. The vaunted comforts that science has given us in modern life must be counteracted by a conscious physical effort on our part. MORTALITY INCREASES ONE PER CENT FOR EVERY POUND OF OVER-

WEIGHT, which is usually the result of excessive eating, and insufficient exercise."

Exercise Suggestions

"To prolong life and tone up our atrophied muscles and organs, we must take a work-out of some kind THREE TIMES A WEEK, followed by a hot bath and rest period. Games, walks, outdoor chores such as gardening, carpentry, or even mowing the lawn, should be indulged in regularly. If these are not possible, a simple routine of setting-up exercises should be followed. Naturally a commonsense attitude must be adopted toward exercise; excess is as bad here as elsewhere. But it is safe to say that optimum health cannot be enjoyed by any person of any age unless regular exercise is taken."

Poor Eating Habits Also Deplored

According to Dr. Emerson the science of dietetics has progressed enormously in the past fifteen years, but our eating habits grow steadily worse! He writes "We habitually overeat, gorging ourselves especially with starch and sugar. Fast eating has become a



Feet first! Stand erect, step into centre of litho line, curl the toes over it pushing the heel lower than the toes. Keep the knee straight. Raise the leg as high as you can, contracting the stomach muscles hard at the same time. This exercise firms the hips, thighs and abdomen. It is also excellent for tired feet and low arches.

national bad habit; seventy per cent of all grown-ups eat with nervous rapidity. Inevitably we pay for our speed-at-table with a long list of digestive ailments ranging from sour stomach to intestinal ulcers. Under no circumstances should you eat while you are angry or excited and above all never eat when you are overtired. You should make it a firm rule to rest for half an hour before the evening meal."

Finger Beauty

HERE is a lesson in finger agility and hand beauty from Erica Morini, one of the world's greatest violinists and only member of her sex ever to be ranked with such masters as Kreisler, Heintz and Menuhin. Her "million dollar hands" (as critics have called them) must always be lovely to look at, for thousands raptly watch every motion of her fingers. They must be strong, too, for the vigour of her playing (which has won great praise) cannot be sacrificed.

The base of her programme naturally is exercise. She is no believer in the complicated mechanical aids for toning up fingers, and she relies on simple things found around the house. For instance, she grasps hold of a newspaper at one corner and crumples

it into a ball with no aid from the other hand. This is not as easy as it sounds! Tightly squeezing a doorknob with either hand, and to rhythmic count, turning it right and left, strengthens her wrist muscles.

More orthodox movements are these: She holds one hand upright while she bends back each finger in turn with the aid of the other hand—without moving the remaining four fingers. This increases the power of seldom-used finger and wrist muscles.

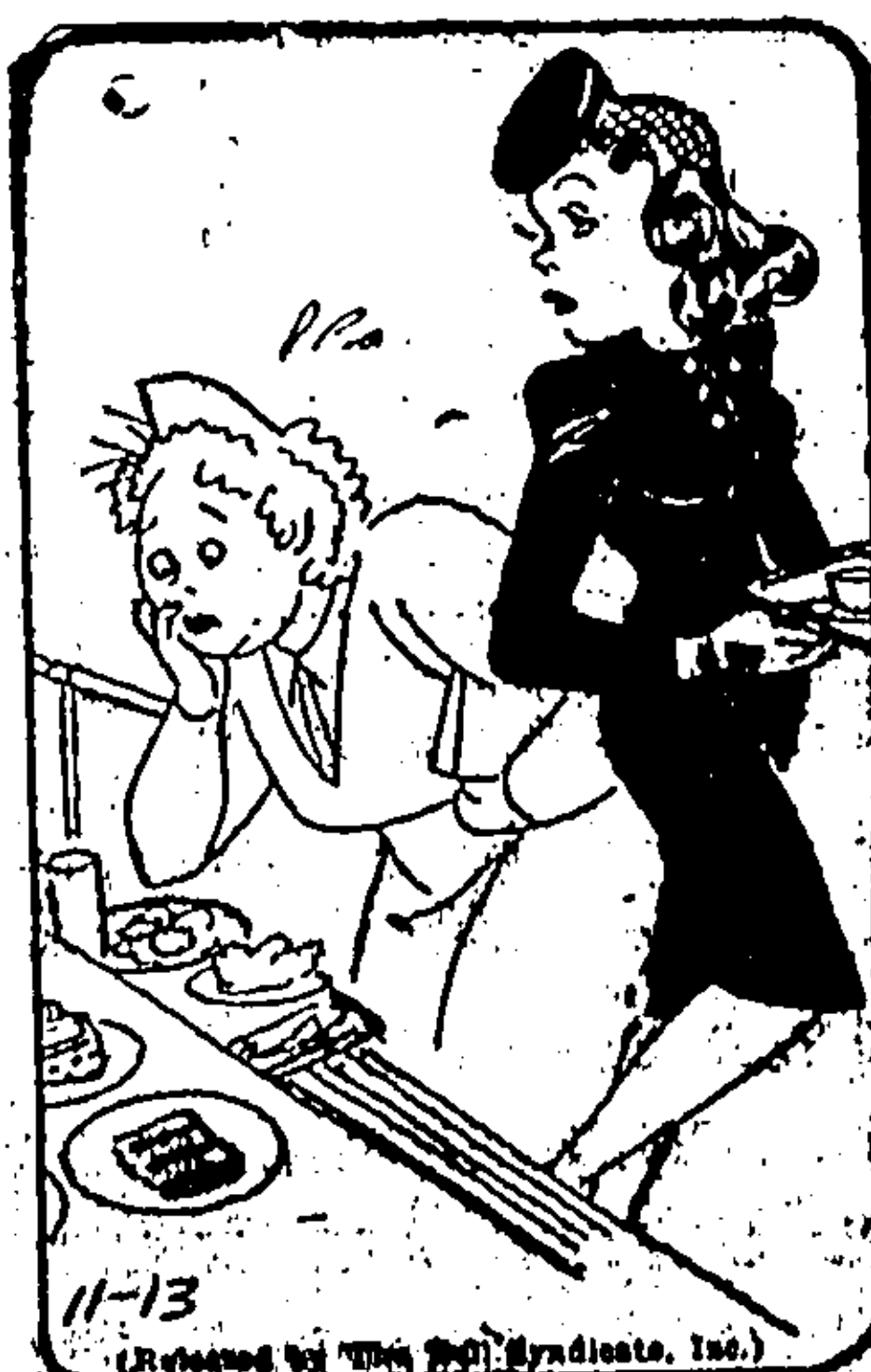
An exercise for muscular co-ordination of fingers, is done by extending both arms in front of her, palms upwards as if she was holding something. Then she curls one finger toward the wrist without moving the other fingers in this order: first finger of the left hand, then first finger of the right hand, second finger of left hand, second finger of right hand, and so on.

To Firm Arm Muscles

These movements are excellent for the girl with too thin arms, or with very flabby upper arms.

Miss Morini begins by crouching on the floor, and extending her arms straight forwards, palms flat on floor. She then twists her hands around, on the heels of the palms, until her fingers point towards her. In this position she rocks her hands forward from the wrist to fingers and back, several times. If done properly, this exercise should give you a decided pull on muscles of the arm, wrist and fingers.

To strengthen entire arm, Miss Morini clenches her fists and places them side by side against her chest. She then thrusts out her right arm as far as she can, shoulder high, unclenches her fist, and extends fingers. She clenches fist again and returns it to chest. She repeats this exercise with left arm and alternates ten or fifteen times.



Dieting Dot says her life is filled with indecision whether or not to eat her cake or stick to her dietary resolutions.

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Billy Cotton & His Band.

12.00 midnight—Close down.

FILM STUNT HEROES ARE SAVING REAL LIVES NOW

THE TOUGHEST MEN of the films, those lads who doubled for the stars in danger shots, are keeping themselves in training these days as A.R.P. demolition and rescue workers.

Film work is scarce now. But the work of digging and salvaging among wrecked buildings is just about equal to some of the "dirty work" they have stunted on the screen. Only difference is that this time the danger is in earnest and the lives they save are real lives.

"Best Work I Can Do"

So these screen deputies for celluloid heroes now take the limelight themselves, as real heroes. But they merely call it "keeping their hand in."

You have seen tall, dark Arthur Marotta, for instance, crashing planes and cars, balancing on cliff tops, swimming from sinking ships.

You saw him deputising for Laurence Olivier in the thrill shots of "Fire Over England." Now you can see him in the real-life thrill spots of demolition and rescue work amid gunfire and bombs over London.

Bulldog Bill Garnon, 17½ st., climbs up with Arthur on the demolition lorry at a south-west London A.R.P. depot.

Leslie Crawford and Dan Fox, who used to work beside Arthur and Bill in film thrills, work beside them now in the rescue squad.

Arthur has doubled at one time and another for practically all the British film stars, and for Hollywood players, too—such as Edmund Lowe and Douglas Fairbanks, junr.

TO HOUSE HOMELESS

Birmingham's Mayfair is to be turned into residential hostels for hundreds of homeless air raid victims.

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The hostels will not be permanent billets. Families will stay for a fortnight. In that time they are expected to find permanent accommodation.

Furnishing of several houses has already started.

CAPTURED BRITONS' ONE MEAL

The life of English prisoners in German concentration camps in occupied France was described in London by an Englishwoman who recently visited one.

"All Englishmen between the ages of 18 and 56 were taken," she said.

"A German official came to each door and took them at once with just a small bundle of clothing as luggage.

"In the camp I visited conditions were not too bad.

"There are two huge dormitories for 150 prisoners and a barbed wire enclosure.

Weekly Visitors

"Visitors are allowed once a week, but they must stand outside the barbed wire at a shouting distance. A guard with revolvers remains beside the visitor.

"Prisoners sleep on camp beds. A blanket is provided, but there is no heating in the huts.

"Everything seemed clean and efficient, and I was amused to see City businessmen spick and span and shaven in spite of the great soap shortage.

"Prisoners wash their own clothes under a communal pump. They have only one meal a day—lentil soup, with meat in it, and bread.

Bored

"Those with wives and families outside are allowed to receive a little money. A fruit any vegetable man calls daily at the camp to sell to the men.

"Boredom is the worse thing. Only German newspapers are allowed, and the men have nothing to do all day.

"The villagers are very kind to us," the Englishwoman concluded.

"All the English in my district kept very cheerful and courageous, in spite of difficulties and hardships."



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By "Grandstand"

THREE INTERESTING tilts feature to-morrow's Softball Senior League schedule, and as the Hong Kong Baseballers can always be relied upon to give a sparkling display, their game with the Recreio Aces at 2.45 p.m. should be the most entertaining on the triple bill.

Mentor Chuck Waggoner, can well afford to look through rose coloured glasses, as the Aces have been hard hit by the inability of the Gosano brothers, Lino and Zinho, to turn out for the team, the former having sustained a fracture which will lay him up for the rest of the season, whilst the latter is also limping around with a sprained knee.

Pereira To Play

To fill the breach it is intended to switch outfielder Berto Gosano to guard the hot corner, and it is understood that Spotty Pereira, has been hoped in to keep the keystone.

Rest of the infield will be Nick Beltrao at the initial station, and Tony "Peewee" Alves guarding the windy alley, with Gerry Gosano and Charlie Figueredo forming the battery.

Ball hawks will be Johnnie Fonseca, Eddie "Doctor" Gosano and Dick Alves.

The Baseballers will again start Cy Jones on the mound, with battery-mate, Joe "Dead End" Morris receiving, and Ernie Hearther, Davis, Fitch and Leight making up the rest of the infield. Out-fielders will be Lou Sperry, Reardon and Crews. Heavy hitting should see the Mohawks through, although there are Recreio supporters that maintain that they can be beaten.

Umpires for the game will be veteran Abe Liu, Huckjai Kitchell and Kassa Nazarin.

Indians Out For Blood

Starting at 1.45 p.m. the Cyclones tangle with the Indians in their long-awaited return encounter. Ahwoo Omar's Indians are all out to wipe out the stigma of the humiliation they received at the hands of the Cyclones when they were downed by 10-8 in a keenly-contested game in the first round.

Playing manager A. K. Omar will field his best line-up with Sheridan "Romeo" Hamet at first, R. A. "Baby" Abbas at second, Obei "Shorty" Arculli at third and Kitchell at short, whilst Kassa Nazarin and Tarzan Ismail will start as their battery.

Cyclone second sacker "Ikey" Haroon, having relinquished the post of secretaryship, "Sunburn" Omar has accepted the honour of acting in that capacity.

That Rootin'-tootin' bench-boss, now holds a triple job, being their coach as well. The above-named person, being the seed from which confidence grew, will start off with Carlos "Kelly" Silva-Netto on the hillock with Skelly Razack receiving, whilst J. Markar, Ab-

bas, Rumjahn and Sherry Bux will guard the base-paths, K. M. Rumjahn, Barney Abbas and Bak-ar will be the outfielders. Arbitrators for the game will be Nick Beltrao, C. Waggoner and Ernie Hearther.

Another Close Game Envisaged

In the night cap, the Chinese Baseballers cross bats with St. Joseph's in what should be another close game. Providing the Chinese Baseballers can field their new pitching discovery, Den Cray, they should be able to give the Collegians a good run for their money.

U.S.S. Mindanao being in port, super ball-hawk Willie Wilson and Crooner Ruel will be included in the line-up.

Frankie Gonzales will toss for the Saints with Hal Winglee catching, but relief hurler Charlie Manson might be given a chance on the slab. The infielders will be their usual, first Stan Leonard, key-stoner Ozo Ozorio, third baseman Dave Leonard and George Souza in the short stop gap. Henry Ali, Jindoo Hussain and Ski Powlowski will be the gardeners for this game.

"Doc" Molthen, Waggoner and Charlie Figueredo will be in charge.

SOFTBALL PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW

SENIOR LEAGUE	
(At the Kowloon Football Ground)	
Cyclones v Indians	(1.30 p.m.)
(Nick Beltrao, C. Waggoner and Ernie Hearther.)	
Recreio Aces v H.K. Baseballers	(2.45 p.m.)
(Abe Liu, A. R. Kitchell and K. Nazarin.)	
Chinese Baseballers v St. Joseph's	(4.00 p.m.)
("Doc" Molthen, C. Waggoner and Charlie Figueredo.)	
JUNIOR LEAGUE	
(At Chatham Road Military Football Ground)	
Recreio Bees v Chung Hwa	(9.00 a.m.)
(Plug Gillespie, H. Osmond and Willie Woo.)	
Cosmos v R.A.P.	(10.15 a.m.)
(P. K. Lau, Richard Chung and P. F. Choy.)	
South China v Royal Scots	(11.30 a.m.)
(Welfy Welford, Blas and Charlie Abbas.)	
Royal Engineers v 8th R.A.	(12.45 p.m.)
(Geoff Winglee, Charlie C. W. Ng and Tommy Young.)	
LADIES' LEAGUE	
(At the Kowloon Football Ground)	
Canadian Chinese v Little Flowers	(9.00 a.m.)
(Nip Lam, Tuffy Chan and C. M. Xavier.)	
Panthers v Wildcats	(10.30 a.m.)
(Hal Winglee, H. Quon and J. Fonseca.)	
Wahoos v Recreio	(12.00 noon)
(H. Quon, Johnnie Delgado and G. White.)	
INTER-HONG LEAGUE	
(At the Marine Ground)	
Cables v Texaco	(10.00 a.m.)
(Bob Laurel, M. Souza and C. Rosario.)	

WILDCATS NOW TAKING MATTERS SERIOUSLY

By "Grandstand"

THE BABY Panthers-Wildcats League Softball tussle slated for 10.30 a.m. on the Kowloon Football Ground should be the most interesting game of the Ladies' triple bill for this week.

The Wildcats, having taken things easily during the first round of the schedule, are now turning out in full for practices. For this game, Thelma Colloco will toe the rubber, with Cynthia "Sailor" da Motta behind the batter. Base guardians will be Irene Pereira, first; Thelma da Motta, second; and Gloria Mar, third, with Lily "Sunshine" Mar in the short stop gap.

Lelia Xavier and Theresita Botelho will form the Panther battery, backed up by infielders Celeste Marques, Sarah Kwong, Virginia Xavier and Irene Tavares.

The slugging Wildcats are difficult to stop, but the Pantherettes

are quite capable of upsetting the applecart, and it will be no surprise if they do.

Wahoos v Ramblerettes

At 12 noon the Greenshirted Wahoos take on the Ramblerettes. Therese Noronha will assume mound duties, with Jackie Anderson hind-snatting, Yvonne Yolle, Socorro "Soso" Castro, Irene Castilho and Aida Castro will be the infielders, whilst Jeannette "Blondie" Yolle, Beebun Abbas and Lisa Anderson will roam the pastures. Ramblerette ace hurler Gerry Jorge will start on the hill, with Lolly Rodrigues in reserve.

Canadians Should Win

In the other tilt, the Canadian Chinese should have no difficulty in downing the Little Flowers, and one can only hope that the score will be reasonable. The Florinha battery will be Lily Silva and Hilda Antonio, whilst Mary Ng will toe the rubber for Canuckettes.

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

The following have been selected to play for Y.M.C.A. in hockey matches at King's Park this afternoon:— 1st XI v Nomads (4.15 p.m.): Benwell, Taylor, Yourlett, Jordan, Coombe, Saxby, Smith, Connell, Hitchcock, Morgan, Dunn. 2nd XI v R.E. (6 p.m.): Highlands, Bailton, Tomlinson, Croft, Cornian, Smith, Gilchrist, Spence, Spence, McGahan, Banks.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

IN my last Jottings I referred to U.S.S. Tulsa's Inter-Divisional Duck Pin Matches. Since then the Tournament has been augmented by the inclusion of a team of the Chief Petty Officers and the schedule was altered to read as follows:—

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16	
1st Division v. 2nd Division	
4th Division v. 5th Division	
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17	
7th Division v. Officers	
1st Division v. 4th Division	
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18	
2nd Division v. 5th Division	
7th Division v. 1st Division	
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19	
2nd Division v. Officers	
4th Division v. 7th Division	
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20	
1st Division v. Officers	
2nd Division v. 4th Division	
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21	
1st Division v. C.P.O.	
MONDAY, DECEMBER 23	
5th Division v. 1st Division	
7th Division v. 2nd Division	
Officers v. C.P.O.	
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24	
7th Division v. C.P.O.	
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25	
5th Division v. C.P.O.	
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26	
4th Division v. Officers	
5th Division v. 7th Division	
4th Division v. C.P.O.	
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27	
5th Division v. Officers	
2nd Division v. C.P.O.	

All matches have now been completed and the two teams with the highest aggregate scores played off the final in a five-game match on December 28. Finalists were the Fifth Division and the Fourth Division, resulting in a very close win for the Fifth Division by 31 pins.

The following was the score:—
Fifth Division 1972
Fourth Division 1941

Keen Game

The match was startlingly keen and interesting to watch.

Borg of Fifth Division was the star bowler of the match with a brilliant 539. He registered three scores of over 100, made 102 in his first game, 123 in his second, and a brilliant 131 in his fifth game. He was in grand form.

Second highest score was netted by Drewes of Fourth Division, who made a useful 522 and registered scores of over 100 in his second, third, fourth and fifth games.

Vasko of Fourth Division, however, was not very far behind Drewes, his score being 517, or an average of slightly over 103 pins per game. This player also registered four scores of over 100. It was a thoroughly successful tournament, not only enjoyed by the Officers and men of the Tulsa, but also by all those who were fortunate enough to watch the various stages as each match was played.

At the end of the Tournament the position as far as aggregate

scores were concerned was as follows:—

Team Standing

Team	Total Pins	Average
5th Division	6784	94.30
4th Division	6739	93.63
1st Division	6240	89.09
2nd Division	6332	87.94
C.P.O.	6150	85.42
Officers	5728	79.53
7th Division	5235	74.10

High Single Game—C. W. Engle 130
High Three Games—J. A. Vasko 336
High Team Single Game—5th Div. 413
High Team Three Games—5th Div. 1163

Individual Scores

	Total Pins	Average	Games
J. W. Warfield	606	102.00	6
J. A. Vasko	1820	101.11	18
A. A. Borg	1790	99.44	18
H. R. Holden	1479	98.60	15
E. T. Simmons	1166	97.17	12
S. S. Koch	1426	95.07	15
R. D. Avers	285	95.00	3
C. W. Engle	1127	93.92	12
O. F. Drewes	1679	93.23	18
F. A. Peterson	561	93.50	6
E. F. Evans	1637	90.94	18
W. L. Barnum	1629	90.45	18
R. F. W. Hopkins	1623	90.11	13
F. Eskew	1627	90.39	18
O. L. Gray, Jr.	807	89.67	9
C. E. McClanahan	1612	89.56	18
I. R. Niehoff	1605	89.17	18
H. A. Barnard	1063	88.53	12
B. M. Gordon	1585	88.06	18
I. B. Pierce	789	87.67	9
W. E. Riddle	788	87.56	9
K. Beller	787	87.44	9
J. R. Terry	1283	85.53	15
R. E. Whatley	498	83.00	6
W. H. Hoffman	736	81.78	9
F. W. Greer	243	81.00	3
P. E. Shetlenheim	724	80.44	9
O. I. Gullin	481	80.17	6
W. B. Porter	719	79.89	9
H. L. Usher, Jr.	957	79.79	12
R. M. Wilson	952	79.33	12
O. M. Smallwood	237	79.00	3
S. Schwartz	468	78.00	6
A. W. Lederle	1401	77.83	18
R. T. Adamson	231	77.00	3
O. R. Garrett	913	76.09	12
W. W. Francis	226	75.33	3
J. Hartman	1263	70.17	15
T. O. Gale	206	68.67	3
H. E. Richardson	158	52.67	3
J. T. Murphy	1584	88.00	18
F. G. Boyd	1360	90.67	15
B. Osajac	1047	87.25	12

The Competition was so successful that arrangements have been made to run another one on the return of the Tulsa to the Colony.

Handicap Tourney Starts

The Singles Handicap Competition is now complete and under way. There were exactly 64 entries. The various rounds must be played off as follows:—First Round to be completed by January 20; second round on February 10; Third Round on March 2; Semi-finals on March 9 and the Final will be completed on March 16.

There will be three games played in the preliminary rounds, and five games in the Semi-Finals and Finals.

The organisers request that entrants get in touch with each other as soon as possible, when arrangements will be made to reserve Alleys for them.

The draw, with handicaps in brackets, is as follows:—

Morin (43) v Slater (36); Williams (43) v A. Odell (17); Godkin (43) v Landolt (17); Devonshire (33) v Devlin (43); Burston (50) v Birdsey (43); Waller (43) v Talm (30); Chan (46) v Cleggett (26); Wathen (36) v Dove (36); Wilkins (30) v Peake (40); Cherry (40) v J. Doyle (40); J. Odell (33) v Hollis (23); Arculli (43) v Kyle (46); Woolgar (30) v Pidgeon (50); Hearther (10) v Nicholson (50); Cooper (43) v Smith-Dutton (46); Haymes (30) v Blount (17); Gardner (50) v Potts (50); Molthen (17) v McCallum (43); Dudley (46) v Ismail (26); Higgs (40) v Nunn (36); Vaughan (40) v Gaddi (23); Birckett (30) v Judge (50); McLaren (43) v Bannister (46); Watts (20) v Hanley (43); Walker (30) v Muennier (86); Hall (33) v Hewett (36); Roach (43) v Spindelov (36); Haver (50) v Slipitsky (43); Groves (46) v Skiver (33); Gracie (30) v Neate (40); Neale (46) v Ladd (43); Coughlan (40) v Brazel (46).

The records for the Month of December are as follows:—

DUCK PINS

Ladies:—Miss Hazel Gardner 112
Men:—J. A. Vasko 166

TEN PINS

Ladies:—Mrs. Lowe 177
Men:—A. R. Wilkins 230
Wilkins, therefore will have his name engraved on the Watson's Shield, will also receive a replica of same, and a supply of Tiger Beer.



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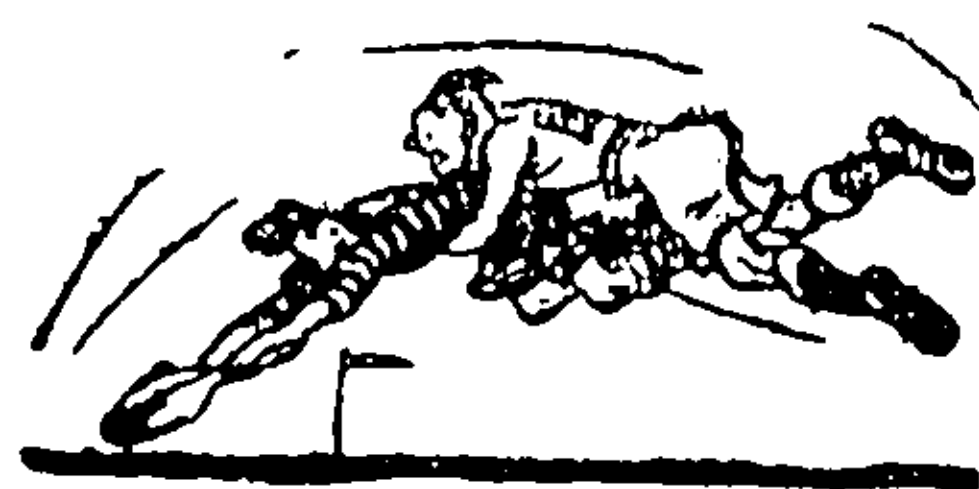
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JUNIOR LEAGUE CRICKET STARTS THIS AFTERNOON

Civil Service Should Do Well Against Recreio



TO-DAY'S RUGBY

CLUB ARE FAVOURED TO WIN

To-day's Rugby match between Club and Army at the Valley, commencing at 4 p.m., will decide which team will be runners-up to Navy in the Quadrangular Tournament.

Army are almost unchanged. Berry has been left out in favour of Heath, and Hook and Coombes have changed places but Club are considerably stronger than they have been for some time. Carruthers and Aitkenhead are back in the three-quarter line with Charter at fly-half, and Walkden is in the front row in place of the injured Heasman, with Thomas taking his place as wing-forward.

It should be a close game with the odds slightly in favour of Club, though much will depend on the hooking duel between Ford and Burford.

Prior to this game, at 2.45 p.m. Club "A" will meet Army "A". The match between Police and Navy has been postponed to Wednesday, January 15.

Following are the selected teams:

ARMY—Pieton, Richards, Hook, Doukless and McDonald, Coombes and Wedderburn, Sutherland, Ford, Bonpas, Heath, Millar, Pinkerton, Duke and Gilliam.

Reserves—Foley, Berry, Eddison, Barclay and Marsh.

CLUB—Thompson, Bosanquet, Carruthers, Aitkenhead and Stewart, Charter and Thomson, Macrae, Burford, Walkden, Gairdner, Needham, Thomas, Taylor and Kennedy.

NAVY—Morahan, McGill, Honeywell, Paul and Bowden, Carter and Rutherford, Winter, Watson, Manfield, King, Taylor, Longmuir, Beattie and Poole.

Reserves—Kennedy, Lambie, Palmer and Stockham.

CLUB "A"—Redman, Day, Nelson, Lavalie and van Leeuwen, Morgan and Clemo, Moodie, Castleton, Olsen, B. Hynes, McEwan, Stout, Stoker and Godfrey.

Referee:—C. Austin.

HALL OF GOLFERS FAME FOR

The Hall of Fame "idea is spreading since the baseball people thought it up, and by next summer the nation's golfers will have a full-fledged shrine of their own, it was learned recently from Freddie Corcoran of the P.G.A. writes a correspondent from New York.

A committee of newspaper golf writers is being formed to vote on the nominees, and the P. G. A. is donating a plaque on which to inscribe the names of the fairways immortals. In time it is hoped to build a regular shrine like the baseballers have at Cooperstown and to install busts of golf's heroes.

There will be an argument over the site of such a shrine. Some already have plumped for the hallowed spot at Brookline, Mass., where young Francis Ouimet in 1913 sank the putt that beat the two great Britishers, Ted Ray and Harry Vardon, in the National Open championship.

K.C.C. FOR THE JUNIOR TITLE

By "Adrem"

THIS AFTERNOON MARKS THE OPENING OF THE LEAGUE CRICKET SEASON AND THREE JUNIOR MATCHES ARE DOWN FOR DECISION.

Civil Service will be at home to Recreio and, as Civil Service cricket, the junior section in particular, has been in the doldrums for some time, most followers of cricket would be inclined to write them off without further argument.

A study of their team, however, inclines me to think otherwise. Providing they turn out as advertised, I can see them giving Recreio quite a lot to think about. With Asher, Stone, Mitchell and Norman Smith to look after their attack, I cannot see Recreio scoring many runs, especially as the Civil Service wicket, unless one is used to it, is not conducive to run getting.

Barrow, also, should stiffen the C.S.C.C. batting, and, with the other more youthful members of the side in fine form with the bat, the run-getting department should also do well.

Recreio will be without their captain J. E. Noronha, while A. V. Gosano, who latterly has developed into a very useful bowler, has been laid up and is unlikely to take any further part in games this season.

K.C.C. For Championship

I.R.C. will entertain Kowloon Cricket Club at Sookunpoo. As the K.C.C. senior team will be having a full-dress rehearsal against Recreio in preparation for their League matches which start next week, their juniors will have the services of Madar and Rapley, who have had to make way for Robbie Lee and Mackay. With these two players to bolster their batting, which has been inconsistent this year, K.C.C. will be a difficult team to beat and I not only tip them to win this afternoon but will go further and forecast for them the League championship.

Craigengower, who meet the champions, P.R.C., will have their strongest team out but they will have to be at their best to beat the Policemen, if the latter are at full strength. The champions have not a well-balanced team, however, and I shall not be surprised if they are beaten.

Senior Matches

H.K.C.C. will be at home to Craigengower at Cox's Road and although they are by no means at full strength should have little difficulty in winning as the Val-

ley team have been unable to get going this season.

Both K.C.C. and Recreio are taking this afternoon's match very seriously and except that J. M. Gosano will be an absentee from the Recreio team, both sides will be at full strength and anxious to try themselves out. K.C.C., with Robbie Lee back in the attack, and with their batsmen in great form at the moment, should win.

SENIOR FRIENDLIES

H.K.C.C. v. C.C.C.

University v. I.R.C.

K.C.C. v. Recreio

JUNIOR LEAGUE

C.S.C.C. v. Recreio

I.R.C. v. K.C.C.

C.C.C. v. P.R.C.

K.C.C. 1st XI:—E. C. Fincher (captain), N. D. Lloyd, D. J. N. Anderson, R. E. Lee, D. Hung, A. Zimmerman, F. R. Zimmerman, E. F. Fincher, F. J. Lay, N. A. E. Mackay and R. T. Broadbridge.

H.K.C.C. 1st XI:—L. T. Ride (captain), N. D. Booker, A. J. Dewar, W. G. Finnie, T. V. N. Fortescue, R. H. Griffiths, M. F. L. Haymes, D. McLellan, D. O. Parsons, A. E. Perry and J. E. Richardson.

C.C.C. 1st XI:—E. Zimmerman (captain), P. J. Billimoria, T. H. Edgar, E. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. J. Hulce, A. K. Ismail, E. J. Mitchell, W. Hong Sling, G. Souza and J. L. Youngsaye.

Recreio 1st XI:—E. L. Gosano (captain), W. A. Reed, A. M. Rodrigues, H. L. Ozorio, L. G. Gosano, G. N. Gosano, E. M. L. Soares, N. A. Beltrao, A. P. Pereira Jr., J. Fonseca and A. M. Prata.

K.C.C. 2nd XI:—S. A. Gray (captain), R. Baldwin, G. A. Goodwin, F. Goodwin, W. W. Parsons, T. A. Madar, K. M. Baxter, L. R. Burch, W. L. Rapley, E. Curtis and H. Brokenshire.

C.C.C. 2nd XI:—A. M. Omar (captain), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Esmail, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar and W. K. Way. Reserves: O. M. Omar and L. Choa.

Recreio 2nd XI:—E. A. R. Alves (captain), P. M. N. da Silva, Jr., H. A. Barros, A. J. M. Prata, F. H. Carvalho, A. E. Noronha, B. T. Gosano, J. A. Soares, F. J. Remedios, M. d'Almada Remedios and A. H. d'Almada Remedios.

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI:—H. E. Strange (captain), H. F. Harper, G. Ainslie, J. Barrow, H. P. Cunningham, F. E. Lawrence, F. J. McGowan, J. Mitchell, N. L. Smith, G. Stone and A. Watson.

Reserves: H. Parrott; Umpire: D. Hollidge; Scorer: J. T. Lacey.

I.R.C. 2nd XI:—M. R. Abbas (captain), A. S. Ismail, A. M. Rumjahn, K. M. Rumjahn, A. el Arculli, M. I. Razack, A. R. Suffad, T. Ali, F. A. Curreem, H. T. Barma and A. N. Other.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Following is this week-end's Football programme.

To-day

FIRST DIVISION

Kowloon v. Eastern (Kowloon, 4.00 p.m.)
South China v. Middlesex (Caroline Hill, 4.00 p.m.)
Police v. St. Joseph's (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Kowloon v. 30th R.A. (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
South China v. Ordnance (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Service Corps v. Navy (Navy, 2.30 p.m.)
Club v. Kit Chee (St. Joseph's, 4.00 p.m.)
Sing Tao v. Middlesex (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

Engineers v. International (Military, 4.00 p.m.)
Signals v. 20th R.A. (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)
24th R.A. v. 36th R.A. (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
35th R.A. v. 12th R.A. (Stanley, 2.30 p.m.)

To-morrow

FIRST DIVISION

Kwong Wah v. R. Scots (Boundary Street, 4.00 p.m.)
Navy v. Sing Tao (Causeway Bay, 4.00 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Kwong Wah v. Engineers (Boundary Street, 2.30 p.m.)
R. Scots v. Police (Sookunpoo, 4.00 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

7th R.A. v. Shell (Military, 2.30 p.m.)
A.S.A. v. Air Force (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

Central British Association Ladies will entertain Argonauts in a friendly hockey match at King's Park this afternoon, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

TO-MORROW'S HOCKEY

Following is to-morrow's Tournament hockey programme and some of the teams:—

AT 10.30 A.M.

A. N. Other XI v. Police "B" (King's Park).
Umpires:—W. Whaten and L. Coombes.

Destroyers v. C.B.A. (Navy).
Umpires:—E. Vasco and Gorman.

Gunboats v. C.B.A. (Navy).
Umpires:—Capt. Martin and Pirie.

5th A.A. "B" v. Recreio (Lyceum).
Umpires:—V. Bridle and J. Tomlinson.

Royal Engineers v. Khalsa (Sookunpoo).
Umpires:—K. Hussain and J. W. Dove.

AT 4 P.M.

Signals v. 5th A.A. "A" (Sookunpoo).
Umpires:—Tyas and V. B. Benwell.

TEAMS

C.B.A.:—Lockhart, Parsons and D. Taylor; Ure, N. Whitley, Dunne; D. Smith, T. Whitley, E. Fowler, F. Fowler and Blake.
Recreio:—H. L. Gonsalves; G. N. Gosano and J. Gonsalves; R. A. Marques, W. A. Reed and A. M. Alves; G. Yvanovich Jr., S. H. Sequeira, B. E. Gosano, J. A. Soares and J. Fonseca.

SING TAO'S HARD TASK AGAINST NAVY

By "Referee"

Both Sing Tao and South China, leading teams in First Division have hard games this week end, when the former meet Navy on Sunday and the latter engage Middlesex at Caroline Hill to-day.

Navy are fielding a re-organised side on Sunday and several players promoted from the Junior team may upset Sing Tao, who have not been able to field their best side for some time.

In the Junior Division, Service Corps meet Navy and a good game should be witnessed. Service Corps still have a chance for the Championship but Navy are always able to field a strong junior side.

Police should easily account for St. Joseph's who are hoping to be able to field their best side. There are no other games of any importance.



MULE RACE MEETING

The Middlesex Regimental Mule Race Meeting held at the Kwanti race course yesterday afternoon proved very enjoyable and amusing. Lt.-Col. H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., was patron of the meeting.

There was a bookie and his penciller and a 50 cents tote win, only with no place betting.

As for race 6 there was a settling sweep which netted \$239.

The proceeds of the meeting are for the Bomber Fund.

The Band of the Middlesex Regiment was in attendance and played during intervals.

Races 1, 2, 3 and 4 were bareback, no whips and no spurs, while Races 5 and 6 were with saddles, no whips and no spurs.

Target Practice

BY BEST BALL
To get the most out of practice sessions, they should be

GRAPHIC GOLF



made as interesting as possible. Just hitting a ball time after time falls even if at the start one is more than usually observant of the mechanical processes involved. Add some target or some means of competition to the programme and one's senses not only become more alert but continue in that state longer. It adds keenness to one's attention and to touch.

Many a golfer has become an accomplished short pitcher and chip shot player by methods similar to those above. The object may be a ball, a jar or an indoor canvas target. Any mark will serve just so long as it affords something concrete to hit the ball at. Even if the percentage of successful shots is low at first, interest in the shots remains at high pitch. Perseverance will add accuracy and a greater capacity to judge the arc and distance of one's shots.

Next Article:—Taking The Count.

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THE NEW LIGHT BREW

IMPERIAL ARMY IN SUDAN LAND OF BABEL

Skirmishes And Ambushes Sap Italian Morale

THAI BORDER INCIDENTS CONTINUE

Fresh incidents on the frontier between Indo-China and Thailand are reported in a Havas agency despatch from Hanoi yesterday.

The incidents, which are described as "not serious," took place at various points along the border following encounters between patrols. —Reuter.

GUARDING HEALTH IN ASIA

Health in tropical Asia is finding a new guardian in Australia upon whom tropical medicine is becoming more dependent.

The Commonwealth is now supplying serums, vaccines, antitoxins and other products essential to health in India, Malaya, Burma, the Netherlands Indies and

Many Stories Of Heroism

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in the Sudan)

ONCE AGAIN, AFTER over 40 years, the military railway built by Kitchener for the reconquest of the Sudan, is choked with war material, and the sons and grandsons of both British officers and Dervish chiefs who fought as mortal foes in 1897 are fighting now.

This time, however, they are ranged side by side along a wild straggling 1,200-mile front from the Red Sea to the shores of Lake Rudolph.

So many languages are spoken among this great Imperial army assembled in the bush country that it is becoming known as the "land of Babel."

Arabs, Ethiopians, South Africans, Rhodesians, Sudanese, Somalis, Frenchmen and Britons lie by day within their deep dug shelters but by night they creep forth and by sharp skirmishes and ambushes are sapping Italian morale.

Strange Story

Behind brief official announcements that "patrol activity continues on the Sudan front" lies a strange story of modern warfare in the wilds of Africa, where black

many parts of the Pacific regions. Commonwealth serum laboratories began in 1938 to accumulate essential stocks now almost unobtainable since they are procurable only from Continental countries controlled by Germany. —Reuter.

man and white, elephant and lion alike, fall victims to bomb and machine-gun.

There are many stories of heroism in these distant outposts. On one occasion a solitary Sudanese police officer, seeing an Italian patrol approaching, took up a position behind a sandhill instead of retreating.

Armed only with a rifle he killed three Italians and four Eritreans before being killed by their machine-gun fire.

Abyssinian's Trek

An Abyssinian from Somaliland walked across the desert and mountains of Abyssinia to the Sudan frontier carrying a gun which he had stolen from the Italians after they had captured it in British Somaliland.

Not only are the Italians harassed by land. The R.A.F. is hammering daily at Italian positions, and penetrate more deeply into Abyssinia.

French pilots are taking part with them in these operations. —Reuter.

Civilian V.C. For Lincoln Man

A civilian armament instructor at an R.A.F. Training School has been awarded the George Cross (the civilian Victoria Cross) for acts of exceptional coolness and courage on several occasions.

He is Leonard Harrison, of Louth (Lincolnshire) who served in the R.A.F. for 12 years.

Early last year a ship arrived in port with an unexploded German bomb wedged half way through the main deck. The bomb was fitted with a fuse of a then unknown type and Harrison assisted in rendering it harmless.

A month later he again gave similar assistance in rendering safe unexploded German bombs. Through his own initiative and private study, Harrison, who was born in Devonport, has become an authority on the fuse and exploder systems in German bombs. —Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

The Controller of Food has delegated all his powers relating to rice to Mr. Frederick Charles Barry.

P. J. MacKellar, former manager of the travel department of the American Express, was yesterday sentenced to five years hard by Judge P. Grant Jones in the British Supreme Court in Shanghai on a charge of embezzling sums of money from the American Express over a period of a year.

The trial occupied four and a half days and required four months investigation before it could commence.

MacKellar was originally employed as a clerk and was rapidly promoted to manager of the travel department. After a period of little over a year in this position the auditor of the company discovered errors in the accounts and MacKellar was arrested. —Reuter.

The following appointments etc. are gazetted:—

Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipton to be Cadet Officer, Class 1. Mr. L. J. Davies nominated as a Member of the Court of the University of Hong Kong. Messrs. H. B. L. Dowbiggin and M. P. Talati, nominated as Members of the Court of the University of Hong Kong. Mr. Chung Yee-pui to be a public vaccinator. Mr. W. W. Hoffmann to act as Vice-Consul of the United States of America at H.K. Mr. Goro Matsumoto recognised as a Vice-Consul for Japan at H.K.

An Ordinance to amend the Places of Public Entertainment Ordinance is gazetted this morning.

The object of the proposed new section in the Places of Public Entertainment Regulation Ordinance is to put an end to a ticket-selling racket which has grown into an intolerable nuisance.

Briefly, the trouble is that touts, acting for individuals or gangs who have bought quantities of tickets in advance, stand about in the streets adjoining and the entrance halls of and approaches to, cinemas, theatres and sports grounds, sometimes even obstructing the entrances, box-offices or turnstiles, importuning would-be entrants to buy their tickets from them, and often representing that all other seats are fully booked.

Not only have complaints against this nuisance been received from entertainment organisers and the public, but there is cause to believe that the operations of gangs or roughs, interested in the sale at their own prices of these tickets, have resulted in several assaults on members of the public and even in a street murder outside a theatre.

The customary six-monthly statement on the Exchange Fund position shows that since June 30, 1940, the Fund purchased a further small quantity of silver subsidiary coins to be refined and marketed. No sales of silver were effected during this period.

The Fund operated in the local exchange market as found necessary.

On 30th June, 1940, the Certificates of Indebtedness outstanding amounted to \$177,031,630 which is equivalent to £11,064,477 @ 1s./3d. the middle market rate on that day; the total assets of the Fund amounted to £12,597,727 of which 71.80 per cent. was held in gilt edged sterling securities, 28.10 per cent. on deposit in London at call or short notice and 0.10 per cent. in silver.

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SERIOUS ATTACK OPENS ON BESIEGED BARDIA

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More Marked

There are no signs as yet that the Italians have received any reinforcements. On the contrary, British mastery of the air grows more marked daily.

Our increasing air power will fall with a heavy hand on Germany and Italy before Spring and this will undoubtedly alter the whole strategic outlook in Britain's favour. —Reuter.

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